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Two Israelis arrested on spying charges in Cyprus

By ARNOLD O'SULLIVAN

The two Israelis arrested in Larnaca over the weekend on suspicion of spying on military installations may have been working for Turkey, Cypriot Ambassador to Israel Euphrosyne Efronides told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

"If they are proven guilty, then justice will take its course," said Efronides.

"The fact that they were Israelis does not mean that they were working for the Israeli government. The possibility exists that they were working for Turkey," he said.

Police in Cyprus arrested the two on suspicion they were monitoring military installations and maneuvers. A court remanded them for eight days.

The two men were identified as Udi Hargov, 27, and Yigal Damary, 49. Both reportedly said they were teachers, but did not say where they were from in Israel.

Cypriot police captured the two carrying a slew of electronic equipment. They were arrested after they were seen acting suspiciously near the site of a new Cypriot naval base.

"They are being a bit uncooperative," a police source in Larnaca told Reuters.



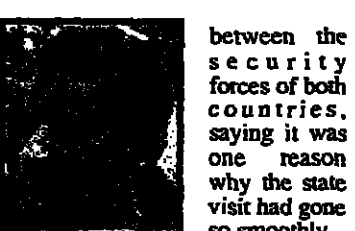
Udi Hargov
(Reuters)

The Foreign Ministry spokesman in Jerusalem issued a statement last night confirming that two Israelis were arrested in Cyprus. It was also learned that Israeli officials have already moved to secure their release.

The arrest of the alleged spies came just days after a historic visit to Cyprus by President Ezer Weizman. His visit was aimed at enhancing Israel's support for the island, but also drew attention to Israel's strong defense ties with Turkey, which Israel insists are not directed at any third party.

Diplomatic sources said Weizman is furious over the arrests, saying all the political points scored by him in Cyprus are "going down the drain."

During Weizman's visit to Nicosia, the Cypriot government spokesman praised the cooperation



Yigal Damary
(AP)

between the security forces of both countries, saying it was one reason why the state visit had gone so smoothly. Israeli diplomatic sources said it could be quite damaging if it turned out that the alleged spies were working for the Turks.

The Prime Minister's Office,

which is ministerially responsible for the Mossad, issued a statement saying it was clarifying the issue and will respond when the details are confirmed.

Netanyahu's spokesman said that "at this stage Israel is checking the matter" and added that as soon as more details were made available there would be an "appropriate response."

Aviv Shir-On, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, said that the two men arrested in Cyprus had asked for a local lawyer, and that the Israeli Embassy there had helped them obtain a lawyer.

"This is a normal, procedural matter," said Shir-On. "Every time a citizen is suspected of any criminal action and arrested abroad, the Foreign Ministry comes to his aid."

"To the best of our knowledge the two Israelis have denied the allegations against them," a statement issued by the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia said.

Israel's close defense ties with Turkey have been a constant source of tension between the Defense Ministry and the Foreign Ministry.

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Islamic Jihad claims Jerusalem bombing

By ELI WOHLGELER

Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility yesterday for the bombing in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market on Friday morning, which wounded 21 people but miraculously did not kill anyone in the pre-Shabbat crowd.

The two terrorists died in the blast.

"This heroic operation is not the first and not going to be the last," the group said, in a leaflet faxed to news organizations. "We refuse any political agreement that would recognize the Zionist enemy."

Close to midnight last night, police lifted a ban on publication

PA rounds up Islamic Jihad activists, Page 3

of information related to the identity of the bombers. The IDF, however, gave no immediate information about them.

According to the Associated Press, the bombers were brothers-in-law who met in an Israeli jail. One lived near the Anata refugee camp north of Jerusalem, and the other in the village of Silat al Harithiya, outside Jenin.

"I didn't raise him to lose him like that," said Mohammed Zuhayar, the father of Yusef Ali Zuhayar, 22, who was reportedly released four months ago from jail, where he spent two years for taking part in Islamic Jihad operations.

"I'm proud, but I'm sad because I loved my son," he said.

The family of Suleiman Musa Dahayneh, 24, said he had been married for three months to Zuhayar's sister, Basma. They met when she was visiting her brother, who was in prison with Dahayneh, the family said.

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Netanyahu halts Wye after attack

Today's cabinet meeting canceled

By DANNA HARMAN

Going into the second week since implementation of the Wye Memorandum was meant to begin, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that the government will not ratify the peace deal until certain Palestinian commitments are met.

Immediately after receiving the news of the bomb attack at Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market - the second terrorist attack since the signing of the accord - the government halted discussions on ratification of the agreement, giving no date for their resumption.

The cabinet will reconvene, Netanyahu said in a statement, when it receives clear confirmation that the Palestinian National Council plans to vote on the nullification of the Palestinian Charter articles calling for Israel's destruction, and when it is satisfied

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fied that the Palestinian Authority is "taking decisive steps in a determined war on the terrorist organizations and their infrastructure."

An official at the Prime Minister's Office explained that this meant, "an end to the Palestinian Authority's Mickey Mouse efforts," and their reliance on "public relations campaigns" as a way of fighting terror.

What Israel is waiting for, said the official, "is the beginning of real work - such as outlawing Izzadine Kassam, and conducting serious roundups of suspected terrorists."

In response to the attack, Netanyahu promised to "act to secure its citizens and strengthen Israel's capital, Jerusalem."

No further details were given, but one minister said that this was an indication that construction of

the road to Har Homa would begin shortly, as well as work on a new bypass road from Gush Etzion to Hahoul, which would skirt the El Arub village and require Palestinian land confiscation.

At a rally in the Gaza Strip several hours after Friday's bombing, Palestinian Communications Minister Imad Falouji - a former Hamas activist - said Netanyahu's policies, especially with regard to settlement building, were to blame for the attacks.

"We want to tell him that if you put pressure on the Palestinian people and against the Palestinian organizations, those groups will point their arrows against you," said Falouji.

Official Palestinian reactions, however, were far more empathetic. The Palestinian cabinet condemned the attack at their Friday meeting, while stressing that the process begun at Wye had to continue.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat called Netanyahu to express his sympathies immediately upon hearing of the attack. Arafat promised to track down the masterminds of the bombing, and also urged the government not to stop the peace process.

"We must work together, Israelis and Palestinians, to confront these terrorist acts that aim to destroy the peace process," said Arafat in a Channel 1 interview.

"I will exert 100 percent effort," he said, adding that he hoped to reach 100% results in the fight against terror.

Asked whether there would be a vote in the PNC on nullifying parts of the Palestinian Covenant, Arafat responded, "we are completely committed to carrying out the agreement."

US special Mideast envoy Dennis Ross, who is to oversee the beginning of the implementation process, and who was originally scheduled to arrive in the region early last week, has again delayed his trip.

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Security forces examine the wreckage of the car used by two Palestinian bombers in Friday's bombing attack at Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market. (Scoop 80)

Wye suspension PM's only alternative

ANALYSIS

By SARAH HANIN

There were two very telling reactions to the Friday market bombing in Jerusalem, both very significant in assessing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's political condition after the third terrorist attack since he went to Wye.

The first came from a former Labor minister. In a private conversation, he half exclaimed, in disbelief: "Bibi's luck is not of this world! A crowded bus station in Beersheba, a school bus in Gush Katif and the Mahaneh Yehuda market in Jerusalem - any of these

could be a blood-bath that would have finished him politically. But, in all three, it is an almost disaster and he is undented."

The second reaction came from vendors in Mahaneh Yehuda, the quintessential Likud diehards of the not ideologically sophisticated mold.

After the bombing, right-wing extremist Itamar Ben-Ovir and some of his disciples appeared at the scene and started chanting "death to the

Arabs." That did not bother the vendors. But when Ben-Gvir led a chorus of anti-Netanyahu chants, they piped and music from their loudspeakers, making it as loud as they could, to drown the chants out. Netanyahu's policies notwithstanding, they remain loyal to him.

The former minister was, of course, making wistful comparisons with the mass outrage that followed the repeated terrorist strikes of 1995 and 1996 under the

previous government. He said Netanyahu was fortunate in not having to contend with such carnage in the streets.

The vendors showed that a grassroots, hard core of supporters continues to cluster around the beleaguered Likud leader, indicating that he has not lost all of his popular appeal on the Right because of the Wye deal, though he has lost enough to cast a dark shadow on his ability to stay in office for much longer.

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Gingrich resigns as US House speaker

Turner looking to win Beersheba

By HEIDI J. GLEIT

The main issue in the Beersheba elections - more important than unemployment, education or building a high-speed train to Tel Aviv - seems to be whether mayoral candidate Ya'acov Turner is really a man of Beersheba.

His detractors say he's an outsider who doesn't even own a home here and plans to live elsewhere if he loses. His supporters point out that he raised his children here and his wife used to work at City Hall.

Turner, who is running as an independent but is supported by the Labor Party, himself says that "I'm more connected here than anywhere else in Israel."

All the discussion seems to be benefiting Turner. He was smiling broadly one night last week as campaign workers congratulated him on the results of the latest poll he commissioned.



It showed him as the front-runner in the election with 54.7 percent, way ahead of Likud's incumbent David Bunfeld (33.6%) and light years ahead of two other candidates - Tsomet candidate Shlomo Mor and Yossi Epstein, head of an independent list called Ne'amanei Beersheba, who were tied with 0.9% each.

The remaining candidate, Avraham Mishali, head of an independent list called Lema'an

Beersheba Aheret, wasn't even listed on the survey results.

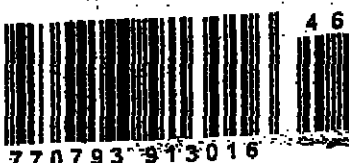
Bunfeld's polls, however, showed him leading with 38% to Turner's 35%.

But polling in Beersheba isn't very helpful, said Osnat Borbia, an employee of the PR company working on Bunfeld's campaign.

Beersheba residents are reluctant to tell pollsters whom they plan to vote for, she said, adding that many are new immigrants who don't understand the pollsters' questions.

When Beersheba residents cast their ballots, she predicted, they'll remember that since longtime Beersheba mayor Yitzhak Rager died in June 1997 and Bunfeld has pulled the city out of debt, improved the infrastructure, put up attractive, modern buildings, and made the city greener.

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US urges speedy cabinet approval of Wye

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Friday's bombing in Mahaneh Yehuda will have a negligible effect on the timetable of Israeli cabinet approval and Knesset ratification of the Wye accord, a senior administration official said.

The US understands that the cabinet will likely resume deliberations as soon as today or tomorrow, the official said. "It'll get done. I don't try to encourage problems when I don't have to. By Sunday, Monday, we'll get around to the cabinet resuming deliberations," the official said Friday.

Both President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright expressed sorrow on Friday for the attack but at the same time urged Israel to quickly continue on the path toward implementing the deal. They also referred to the "aspirations" the Palestinians stand to realize through the peace process.

Albright spoke with both Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat on Friday. She told Arafat "to do everything that he must to fight terror." The US is not alarmed by provocative statements made by Palestinian and Israeli officials in the bombing's aftermath, because Netanyahu and Arafat have assured the US they are committed to proceeding, the US official said.

The Wye agreement, and the month leading up to it, has finally drawn the two leaders into a better working relationship that is proving crucial after the market attack, he said.

"The [bombing's] impact would have been far greater if there was no agreement. The two spoke today, which is important - very important," the official said. "We're hoping that by the beginning of the week, that the business of continuing the process moves ahead."

The official called the PLO executive committee's meeting Friday "a welcome sign" because the body affirmed Arafat's letter to Clinton in January that listed the clauses of the organization's charter that have been expunged.

After delaying his trip by a few days, Dennis Ross, the US special Middle East coordinator, will leave for the region this week and deputy coordinator Aaron Miller will replace him a short time later. The official termed this a "revolving presence" by the Americans to assist in the implementation of the agreement after Knesset ratification.

The Palestinians "have developed a good work plan to fight terrorism, and it's now important to carry it out," Albright said during a photo opportunity with Italian foreign minister Lamberto Dini.

"They need to keep pursuing the work plan and fighting against terror, which is a sine qua non of the whole process. So I think it is important for the Israeli cabinet to make its decision, but I don't think that the Palestinians should hold back. In fact, the contrary, they should work on fighting terror every hour and every day."

Speaking at an event in Little Rock, Arkansas, that marked 40 years since

the integration of the public schools there, Clinton said: "Let me say, since we are here to talk about our reconciliation, I hope you will forgive me for taking just a moment - and I know I speak for all Americans who are here - to express my sympathy to the people of Israel, who this morning were once again the target of a vicious terrorist attack. No nation should live under the threat of violence and terror that they live under every day."

Both Netanyahu and Arafat "knew [they] would be under more danger and that terrorists would target innocent civilians" after the Wye accord was reached, and that they "would have to muster a lot of courage in their people to stick to the path of peace in the face of repeated acts of provocation," Clinton said.

Clinton compared the terrorists to American segregationists of the 1950s, saying that "there are some people ... who have a big stake in the continuing misery and hatred" of others.

"I ask for your prayers and support

today for the Israelis and the Palestinians who believe in this agreement and who are determined to carry out their responsibilities and who understand that the agreement is the best way to protect the safety of the Israeli people ... [and] the best way to achieve the aspirations of the Palestinians and, in the end, the only answer to today's act of criminal terror."

At the press event, Albright placed the onus on both Netanyahu and Arafat to carry through on their responsibilities.

"We must not let the purveyors of hate and violence keep Israelis and Palestinians mired forever in the conflicts of the past. This means that both Chairman Arafat and Prime Minister Netanyahu must marshal again the courage and determination that produced the Wye agreement," she said.

Acknowledging both that Cabinet deliberations would have to be put on hold anyway for Shabbat, and that "it's customary for there to be a short pause in the wake of this kind of an attack," Albright then said: "It is important that

the Israeli cabinet resume its deliberations quickly and make it possible to carry out the promise of Wye. I believe, based on my conversation with the prime minister, that he wants to find a way to do this."

"The fact is that for Israel, the best antidote to terror is implementation of the agreement, for it is based on a clear and credible Palestinian work plan to fight terror, and it creates a structure of security-cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians and with the United States to step up that fight," she said.

Douglas Davis adds: In London, British Foreign Office Minister Derek Fatchett "strongly condemned" the car bombing.

"Terrorist attacks such as this are perpetrated by extremists determined to undermine the cause of peace," he said. "It is vital that we do not allow them to achieve their aims."

We urge both sides to carry out their commitments under the Wye agreement, and to press ahead with implementation as soon as possible.

MKs split on PM's decision to halt deal's ratification

By SARAH HONIG

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu won warm support on the Right for his decision to halt the Wye ratification process following Friday's terror attack. However, that support cooled to lukewarm at the political center and turned to outright condemnation on the Left.

Farthest on the Right, Molechet leader Rehavam Ze'evi cheered the suspension of the process and recommended that "this whole force be stopped altogether immediately. Negotiations and bombs don't go together. We can't talk while they try to blow people up in the streets. The Oslo Accords are dead and gone, put in their early grave by Arafat and his accomplices."

Gesher MK Michael Kleiner, head of the Knesset's Land of Israel Front, said that "Netanyahu ought to regard the three terrorist attacks that occurred since the Wye process began as the disaster they could have turned into. It is a sheer miracle that we didn't witness major carnage. This is Netanyahu's chance, and a justified one, to get away from the Wye trap."

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi

of the Likud also argued that "there is no one to talk to. There is no change in Arafat, only a lot of sweet talk. Since the start of Wye there have been three terror attacks, not only under Arafat's nose, but also very much under his open eyes."

"This government will not resign itself to the absurd proposition that there must be 'victims of peace.' There are only victims of terror, and Arafat undertook to wipe terror out. He has not, and even his efforts are unsatisfactory. We cannot lie to the public for whose safety we are responsible. Arafat has not touched the Islamic Jihad's infrastructure in the five years since Oslo."

Further left within the Likud, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai thought that a "time out is right after the bombing. We need to stop, take stock and assess, but soon after we should be back at the negotiating table."

This was precisely what Avigdor Kahalani of the Third Way had to say too. He hoped "the recess would be a short one. We need to proceed with the process and get the Wye agreement approved and implemented, because that is the only way to bring about a total

separation of the two populations."

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak took the same stand: "It was proper to wait a few days, but immediately afterwards there has to be a return to the process because only thus can we achieve a physical separation between Israelis and Palestinians. Without such a separation there will be no real security."

But there were other sounds in Labor. MK Ephraim Snoh said that "the Netanyahu government is exploiting terrorist outrages to dodge its Wye commitments. No one can guarantee zero attacks. Netanyahu merely waited patiently to get what he was waiting for. This government is connected to extremists who want only to foil the agreement. Netanyahu simply wants Wye to disintegrate."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid shared this view. "Netanyahu and [Foreign Minister] Ariel Sharon signed the Wye Memorandum, and now all they want to do is to escape this deal. They need to do so to survive politically. Every single terrorist opens the escape hatch for them and so, unwittingly, they become the terrorists' collaborators."



Jerusalem Police Commander Yair Yitzhaki confers with Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani and Police Insp. Gen. Yehuda Wilk after Friday's Mahaneh Yehuda bombing. (Isaac Harari)

Peace and security may be more luck than planning

The tighter the noose gets, the more Hamas and Islamic Jihad try to carry out attacks. With each failure their desire grows stronger to stage a spectacular attack to show they are still effective players, an American terrorism authority said in an interview Friday.

Does this mean the crackdown by Israeli and Palestinian security forces is working?

Friday's attack only inflicted light injuries, and that the October 29 suicide bombing attack on a school bus near Kfar Darom and the hand grenade attack 10 days

ANALYSIS

By JEREMY KATZ

earlier killed one soldier. Only two other people were seriously injured.

The difficulties in carrying out attacks is merely an "optical illusion," said Professor Yonah Alexander, director of terrorism studies at George Washington University and author of numerous books on terrorism.

"All these three events are miracles in a way, but everyday is not Hanukkah and you can't rely on miracles to happen each time in your fight against terrorism," Alexander said. "The next attack is not a question of if but when."

"Ironically, the harder the crackdown on Islamic terrorists becomes the higher the desire to carry out attacks just to show they are still alive and kicking," Alexander said. "You have a wide range of possible targets. The entire country is a front line. If they fail in one area they will try elsewhere."

No doubt the heavy presence of security forces in some way dwarfed Friday's attack. In general, however, the high alert during the Wye negotiations and also during the recent High Holidays has been lowered.

Security sources said that they did not have any concrete information about possible attacks. The Defense Ministry did not even impose a closure on the territories following Friday's bomb-

ing. The thinking in the defense establishment is that Islamic extremists will try to attack where success is most likely, with the biggest concern being for soldiers and Jewish settlers in the territories.

Bombers identified



Yusef Zughayar (left), 22, from the Anata refugee camp north of Jerusalem.



Suleiman Dahayneh, 24, from Silat Harithiya, outside Jenin. (Reuters)

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of

MARK SPIVAK

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In the name of the congregants, we share in the grief of the mourning family.

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One reason why he still commands some following is the fact that he reacts differently to terror than his two Labor predecessors. They maintained that they would forge ahead with the peace process as if there were no terror, never saying they would stop the process unless the Palestinians upheld their commitments.

Netanyahu, however, halted the process. Even if the suspension is for only a short time, and even if a vague compromise formulation is found to resume the process, he will have evinced a tough stand.

No doubt there was a message in this suspension to both the Palestinians and Americans. As Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky put it on Friday: "it is hard to describe how great our disappointment is in the Americans, who convinced us that verbal understandings were sufficient, only to renege on them in no time at all."

But besides the certain diplomatic signals Netanyahu was sending, he was also mindful of domestic politics. There was no way he could have reacted differently than he did on Friday. To have done otherwise would have invited the Left's gloating for hav-

ing behaved precisely as the previous government did after its share of terrorism amid peace talks.

The Left's derisive contentions that at Wye he had complacently followed in the late Yitzhak Rabin's ideological footsteps would be impossible to deny if he did not at least appear defiant for a while after the Jerusalem explosions.

Moreover, if he did not appear defiant, he would have single-handedly forfeited any shred of a chance he still possesses to limp on after Wye with his fragmented coalition. He would have also jeopardized his support among the Mahaneh Yehuda vendors.

But more than anything, had he not declared a "time-out," he would have killed the last chance for the Wye Memorandum.

The word in political circles is that on Friday morning, as news of the bombing reached the already-convened cabinet, Netanyahu was close to losing the ministerial majority for the deal's ratification. Many ministers, like Yehoshua Matza and Moshe Katsav, do not like what he brought back from the US. They would have voted for the deal only due to his political pressure.

The terror attack was changing the odds. Netanyahu could not bring his agreement to a vote at its moment of greatest unpopularity.

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Eliyahu Suissa
Minister of the Interior and Religious Affairs

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Carnage and half-priced fruit

By AMY KLEIN

Though Friday's bombing closed traffic for almost four hours, the damage — to people and property — was relatively light. Nearly an hour after the bombing, the two charred terrorists' bodies still lay in front of the entrance to Mahaneh Yehuda, some 3 meters apart from each other on the narrow, two-lane Jaffa Road. On the far side of the road, police identification unit officers took fingerprints from the singed arm of one corpse, a man dressed in a wool skirt, pale blouse and nude stockings. His face was red and distended, and the top half of his head partially blown off, trickles of blood streaming crookedly down the street. Behind him was the exterior of the mangled, red Fiat. Burial society personnel surrounded the second corpse lying in front of the market entrance, next to the bare body of the car. The front and back wheels were held together by a narrow strip of metal, with only the skeleton of the steering wheel and one seat frame remaining. The car's interior accounted for most of the debris strewn over the street in the narrow, 50-square meter area cordoned off for investigation. A car door was blown 30 meters away. The bomb shook 27-year-old Gregg Salzman who was moderately wounded in last year's bombing on Ben Yehuda Street. Salzman, who spent most of the year recuperating in America, recently returned to Israel. On Friday he stood some 6 meters away from where the car exploded.

"I saw black smoke, and the smoldering shards of debris," he said. He immediately went to call his parents. "I spoke to my mom and dad on the phone and just bawled," he said. Unlike last year's bomb at Mahaneh Yehuda, the blast caused little damage to the market itself. Bent and blackened, the traffic lights on both sides of the road took the brunt of the bomb. Only the shop windows directly surrounding the market were broken. The bus stop at the entrance was intact, an abandoned bag of cucumbers under the yellow seats. As the police and Burial Society gathered evidence and debris and mopped up the road, municipal social workers and income tax surveyors assessed the damage as minimal. At the market entrance, even in the first stall, cartons of eggs were uncracked. But smoke and ashes covered the goods of the first 10 stalls on each side of the market, where stall owners shoved cakes, cookies, fruit, and candy into garbage bags under the watchful eyes of Income Tax officials. By noon, a steady stream of people returned to the market. "All fruit, half price," shouted a vendor at Ya'acov Cohen's fruit store. British immigrant Michael Leon, 32, came to the market to purchase food to show support. "I was planning to come anyway and I'm not going to let something like this stop me," Leon said. "I don't think this should stop the peace talks either. On the contrary, it should intensify them."

By MOHAMMED NAJIB, LAMIA LAHOUD, and news agencies

Palestinian forces arrested some Islamic Jihad members after Friday's Jerusalem bomb attack in Jerusalem, and closed a nursery linked to the group, Palestinian officials said yesterday. The Palestinian Authority pledged to crack down on militants after the attack, but said Israel should not use the incident to avoid implementing the Wye Memorandum. The General Intelligence Apparatus in the West Bank, headed by Brig. Gen. Tawfik Tirawi, arrested Islamic Jihad activists in Bethlehem and Jenin and closed their offices. "We conducted several arrests among Islamic Jihad activists last night in several areas in the West Bank in the wake of the suicide bombing," a senior Palestinian security official told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity. Palestinian forces also raided and shut down the Islamic Purity Nursery, a kindergarten in Bethlehem. Director Itaf Alayan, who held a 40-day hunger strike in an Israeli jail last year before her release in January, said that while she was close to Islamic Jihad, "There is no connection between the school and Islamic Jihad. They remind me of the Israelis when they came to arrest me last time," Alayan told Reuters, referring to Palestinian police who she said confiscated videotapes and educational cassettes before locking the nursery and taking the key. A leaflet faxed to Reuters in Jerusalem in the name of Islamic



The aftermath of Friday's bombing at Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market.

(Isaac Herzli)

Jihad on Saturday claimed responsibility for the attack. "This heroic attack, which was not the first and will not be the last, was carried out...to confront the great conspiracy that aims to liquidate the Palestinian cause through the Oslo and Wye Plantation agreements," the leaflet said. It was not clear where the leaflet

originated or if it was authentic. It condemned the Palestinian Authority clampdown. The head of the Islamic Jihad Movement, Ramadan Abdullah Shalah, who lives in Syria, also declared his movement's responsibility for the attack. Shalah told Radio Monte Carlo yesterday that two Jihad members carried out the attack in

response to Israeli settlement policy. The Islamic Jihad leaflet confirmed the men's names. A Jihad spokesman in Gaza, Nafez Azzam, had earlier said his organization had "no information" about Friday's bombing. Mohammad Dahlan, the PA's Preventive Security Chief in Gaza told *The Jerusalem Post* he

believed the order for the attack in Jerusalem and another on a bus carrying Israeli children in Gaza last month came from outside the PA. He said Iran and Syria had an interest in trying to derail the Wye agreement "for their own political purposes. They want to make their politics on the backs of the Palestinian people," he said.

A history of terror

By HERS KEINON

With its teeming crowds, easy access, and location in the "heart" of the capital, Mahaneh Yehuda has been a favorite terror target for the last 30 years. The worst attack on the market took place July 30, 1997, when two Hamas suicide bombers detonated some 20 kilos of explosives; they were carrying in attaché cases, killing 16 and wounding nearly 170. That attack took place on a mid-Wednesday afternoon. The terrorists stationed themselves at pre-arranged locations in the busiest part of the market, a few dozen meters apart and within sight of each other. Upon a signal, they detonated the 10 kilograms of explosives each was carrying in attaché cases. The bombs contained screws and nails to increase the explosions' deadly effect. Thirteen people were killed immediately, and three others died of their wounds later. Prior to that attack, the worst bombing took place on Friday, November 23, 1968. A booby-trapped car on Rehov Agrippas across from the market exploded, killing 12 and injuring 52. The car was laden with 42-kilograms of explosives, and the force of the blast gutted nine cars on Rehov

Agrippas, and caused damage to nearby apartments. The only other bomb that caused deaths to innocent bystanders in the market was on May 28, 1990, when a 71-year-old vendor was fatally injured when a pipe bomb exploded. That attack took place on a Monday, when the market was bustling with pre-Shavuot shoppers. Six months later, a 24-year old Bethlehem woman was killed when a bomb she was assembling in the Mahaneh Yehuda toilets exploded. There were no other injuries. Eight months later, on August 14, 1991, the police safely dismantled a bomb that was found in a Mahaneh Yehuda plastic bag. Indeed, over the last 30 years a number of explosive devices have either exploded harmlessly, or been dismantled before causing any damage. On September 6, 1985, a bomb went off on Rehov Agrippas without causing casualties. Eleven years earlier, on August 20, 1974, a 7-kilo explosive was found hidden in a baby carriage in the market, and safely dismantled. Another small charge was detonated in the deserted market at night in October of that year, and on January 5, 1975 a small bomb that was hidden outside a bakery exploded, but caused no injuries.

I was annoyed with my wife as I drove to the Mahaneh Yehuda market Friday morning. She'd accidentally taken the keys to my car, delaying my departure for the market by about 15 minutes. Little did I know how fortuitous that delay might have been. As I pulled money out of the bank machine at the Clal Center on Jaffa Road, just two blocks from the market, a bomb blast shook the ground. All of us in line stared at plumes of grey smoke soaring above the market, frozen for a moment in place in front of the bank, no longer caring how long it was taking for the person in front of us to finish getting his cash. Having covered two such bombings in the past, my first inclination was to go towards the scene of the incident, knowing full well that within minutes the entire area would be cordoned off by the police. Indeed, even as I pressed through crowds of people heading towards the entrance to the market on Jaffa Road, dozens of police cars were screaming up Jaffa Road in the same direction. Policemen and border policemen in uniform and out of it came flying up the street as the smoke continued to curl above the market. The first few ambulances arrived within moments of the blast. Stunned shoppers clasp baskets to their

sides stood alongside yeshiva students outside the Etz Hayim yeshiva, where young men craned their necks for a better view. Looking around for something to write on, all I could find was my shopping list. Soon the items on the list were covered over with what little detail I could scribble on it, like a description of the dozens of hardi volunteers dressed in yellow or orange vests, rushing to see whether they were needed to perform their grisly work.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Across the road a police sapper doctored his gear, as a border policeman with a bullhorn yelled at us all to "get back, there may be other bombs, the area isn't clean." "Death to the Arabs," yelled a young man in a red shirt as he walked down Jaffa Road, but few

joined in the chant. The relatively small number of ambulances on hand, compared to other bombings I'd covered, led me to believe there had been few injuries. I watched a policewoman on horseback gallop up the street as a truck carrying police barricades careened by, then decided to stop at a clothing store to hear a news update on the radio. Moshe, the proprietor, was shaking his head. "What kind of a country is this,"

he asked. "The defense minister we have is weak, weak, weak. The only thing Moslems understand is force. That's the way it was in Iran, if you have force they respect you. Otherwise you eat shit." I walked down Jaffa Road to King George Street to try and salvage something from the shopping expedition, but the line for chickens was too long. Sliding back behind the wheel, I glanced at the keys, and thanked God my wife had forgotten to return them earlier.

A few minutes earlier could have been fatal

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Announcement to Voters and Voting Station Personnel Regarding Additional Means of Identification for the Local Authority Elections

- Due to the sanctions employed during the past few weeks by Interior Ministry personnel, the Government has decided on emergency regulations which will allow voters in the coming Local Authority Elections to identify themselves to the voting stations committees by means of ONE of the following documents (in addition to an identity card):
 - Valid Israeli passport
 - Valid Israeli driving license
 - Soldiers in regular service and the permanent army can use their IDF cards for identity purposes (at both IDF and civilian voting stations)
 - Policemen and prison officers may use their police ID cards or prison personnel ID cards.
- All the above means of identification are acceptable and each one can serve for purposes of identification.
- Each of the identifying documents must bear the owner's photo and include the page on which the name and identity number appear.
- A foreign passport or driving license may not be used for identification or voting purposes, but only an ISRAELI passport or driving license.
- In addition to these supplementary means of identification, the Minister of the Interior has published regulations abolishing the need to present the appendix of an identity card, i.e., a voter will be allowed to cast his ballot even if the identity card he shows the voting station committee lacks the appendix.
- The regulations abolish the need for having a stamp, attesting that a voter has cast his ballot, affixed to the identifying document, and thus in the coming elections, the voting station committee will not stamp "voted" on the identity card or other identifying document. This makes it doubly important for the voting station committee to delete the voter's name from the list of voters after he has cast his ballot, and this deletion will serve as sole proof that the voter has already used his right to vote.
- These regulations will be in effect in the elections for the heads of local authorities, as well as in the second rounds of these elections, where such take place.

Ehud Shilat, Advocate
National Supervisor of Elections

NEWS

in brief

Ben-Tsur to become ambassador to Germany

Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Ben-Tsur will be appointed ambassador to Germany so that Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon can bring in a director who is close to him, according to an informed source.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said there were, as yet, no official plans for Ben-Tsur to go to Germany. "Such an appointment requires a committee approval, and, of course, the return of the current Israeli ambassador to Germany," said the spokesman.

Germany is considered the most important capital in Europe today and the most senior position available to Ben-Tsur. The current ambassador, Avi Primor, is expected back in Jerusalem by the summer.

Batsheva Tsur and Danna Harman

IAF attacks Hizbullah positions

IAF warplanes staged a pinpoint strike on a Hizbullah mortar position yesterday afternoon, after heavy firing at IDF and South Lebanon Army outposts in the security zone. The IDF Spokesman said that the pilots reported accurate hits and that the planes returned safely. Reports from Lebanon said the planes fired two rockets at a target between Zibkin and Yatar villages, north of the zone, in the western sector.

The raid was reportedly the 90th by the IAF on targets in Lebanon since the beginning of the year.

David Rudge

Lebanese charged for trading with Israel

BEIRUT — Authorities on Friday leveled another charge in absentia against a Lebanese-American businessman, accusing him of visiting Israel and concluding a trade deal there. Military Magistrate Riad Talieh said in an indictment that Roger Tamraz violated the rules on the Arab boycott of Israel when he entered Israel without permission from the Lebanese authorities and struck a commercial deal with the Jewish state.

Tamraz, who lives in the US, had previously been sentenced in absentia to three years in jail for collaboration with Israel. That case was based on a reported meeting in Paris between Tamraz and former Foreign Ministry director-general David Kimche.

AP

Former MK Nahmias, dead at 66

Former Safed mayor and Labor MK Aharon Nahmias died Friday in Jerusalem, apparently of a heart attack. He was 66. He was found dead by his wife in the Renaissance Hotel, where the two were to spend the weekend, and his death was confirmed by MDA personnel.

In recent years, Nahmias had served as chairman of the Moroccan Immigrants Association and of the Histadrut-owned Mishan old-age homes, and was a member of several public committees. He is to be buried today in an official ceremony in Safed.

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Lionel Bloch, former 'Post' correspondent, 70

Lionel Bloch, well-known British lawyer, staunch anti-communist, veteran advocate of Israel and former London correspondent of *The Jerusalem Post*, died over the weekend at age 70.

While Bloch, operating from a set of Dickensian rooms in London's Wimpole Street, had a highly successful legal practice, he devoted much time to causes that were close to his heart.

A refugee from Romania, Bloch devoted much of his time and energies, both as honorary legal adviser to the Israeli Embassy and as a highly effective media defender of Israel.

Douglas Davis

After Wilk says protesters deter police from fighting terror

Students demand gov't apology

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Student leaders vowed not to meet with any government representative until the government issues an apology for remarks made following Friday's bomb blast by Police Inspector-General Yehuda Wilk, in which he blamed "screaming female student protesters for keeping the police from having more time to spend fighting terrorism."

However, student leaders said that a scheduled meeting with President Ezer Weizman for this afternoon will go ahead as planned.

Weizman asked to meet with the students to try to head off a planned hunger strike by

student leaders set for tomorrow.

Wilk issued a statement on Friday clarifying his earlier comments. He said the Israel Police face heavy responsibilities, especially those who had been deployed to handle recent student protests, and this significantly diminished the forces available for security purposes.

"If students would have acted in accordance with the law, there wouldn't have been a need to allocate many forces [to deal with demonstrations]," Wilk said.

"It's incitement and shameful," Ronen Herszkowitz, a spokesman for the students, said last night regarding Wilk's comments.

"If Wilk thinks we're Hamas collaborators in organizing attacks, he'd better start look-

ing around and see that the students are army officers, reserve soldiers, security service personnel and policemen, and if he thinks all those bodies work with Hamas, he should very carefully consider whether he shouldn't resign right now, Herszkowitz said.

On Friday, student leaders released a response to Wilk's comments, saying they were "shocked and saddened by the fact that Inspector General Wilk has cynically exploited this morning's attack to attack the students. We reject his remarks with disgust and call on the public to carefully examine Wilk's performance of his duties. We share the sorrow of the victims' families and wish a speedy recovery to the injured. We will be

happy to help the state of Israel in any way, as we have until now."

The students had been scheduled to continue meetings with Treasury officials today, which they conducted on Friday, after Treasury officials contacted them late Thursday night and expressed a desire to launch discussions.

Friday's discussions did not lead to any breakthrough, but it appears they will not continue until an apology is issued about Wilk's remarks.

Meanwhile, student protests are expected to continue today throughout the country, with tomorrow's hunger strike dependent on the outcome of this afternoon's meeting with Weizman.



Agency remembers Rabin

Jewish Agency treasurer Salai Meridor lays a wreath on Yitzhak Rabin's grave on Mt. Herzl on Friday, at a ceremony attended by some 300 representatives of Jewish communities from around the world.

(Isaac Harari)

Confusion over Generali holdings

By DAVID ZEY HARRIS

Hoover's, the Austin, Texas-based corporate information company, has admitted the information it carried on its Internet site on the ownership of Assicurazioni Generali was incorrect.

Until Thursday last week, the company claimed that Societe Eurafiance "controls over 50 percent" of Generali. Further to inquiries from *The Jerusalem Post* a company senior editor said "Eurafiance's entities own 47.5%, or approximately half, of Generali's French subsidiary, Generali France."

Last week, insurance supervisor Tzipi Sammet said she was looking into the claim that Generali did not reveal full details of its own ownership, when the company was negotiating the purchase from Bank Leumi of Migdal Insurance for some \$330 million.

Generali was not invited to the Knesset committee meeting which discussed the issue and immediately denied the allegation that it had failed to disclose ownership details.

"The shareholdings in Generali are as presented and published," said a company source last week. "There is no truth in these allegations."

When Sammet originally spoke with Generali representatives prior to the purchase of Migdal purchase two years ago she was told Eurafiance's stake amounted to no more than 5%.

However, in recent days the Hoover site was discovered by those leading the campaign against Generali, including MKs Michael Kleiner and Avraham Herschson, and Martin Stern, who is currently in a legal battle with Generali over claims the Italian firm refused to pay out on an insurance policy purchased by Stern's grandfather, who was subsequently killed in the Holocaust.

The three called for Sammet to investigate the issue, which she agreed to do.

As of Friday, the Hoover's Internet site on Industrie Eurafiance was amended to state: "Societe Eurafiance, which is controlled by international merchant banking firm Lazard Partners, is an insurance holding company with fingers in many guises."

"Eurafiance and its subsidiaries own half of Financiere et Industrielle Gaz et Eaux, which in turn has stakes in such companies as media giant Pearson, Italian powerhouse Assicurazioni Generali (Europe's #2 private insurance company) and its French subsidiary, as well as holdings in real estate (through Societe Francaise Generale Immobiliere) and in several Lazard funds."

Generali itself maintains its principal owners are Spafid (5.89%), Mediobanca (5.87%), Banca d'Italia (4.86%), Euralex (4.76%), and State Street Bank and Trust (2.51%).

Hoover's has still to confirm exactly what percentage of Generali is owned either directly or via subsidiaries of Eurafiance.

Some of those currently fighting against Generali said this latest revelation does not necessarily bring the share question to an end. They maintain there is still a substantial link between Eurafiance, its parent company Lazard, its subsidiaries and Generali.

Generali's Chairman Antoine Bernheim is also a vice president of Eurafiance.

Bloomberg Business News meanwhile, maintains Generali itself holds an 86% stake in Generali's French operations.

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Young Israel denies connection to anti-Wye ad

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — The National Council of Young Israel is distancing itself from a critical newspaper ad in the *New York Post* in which it is linked with "Ichud Harabonim" in calling the Wye River agreement "a life-threatening danger to all residents of Israel."

Fighting an ad with an ad, Young Israel published a "disclaimer" at week's end in *New York Jewish newspapers*, that disavowed any connection to the *New York Post* ad, which appeared last Sunday.

"The ad, its contents and the inclusion of our organization, was printed without our knowledge

and permission," said the Young Israel disclaimer.

Young Israel was listed as the sponsor of the *Post* ad, which included a coupon to encourage readers to make a donation to Young Israel. The ad listed as "national coordinator" Joseph Frager of Brooklyn, a long-time activist in nationalist causes.

The ad was signed by Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik of Chicago, the aged and ailing scholar and scion of a learned Orthodox family. The other signers were Rabbis Moshe Tendler and Herschel Reichman, faculty members at Yeshiva University in New York.

In the *Post* ad, the rabbis said that they were "stunned and astonished" by the agreement

signed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and that "it is prohibited by Jewish law to participate in this tragic and terrible agreement."

It implied that Netanyahu was disloyal, saying that "if, God forbid, [the pact] is ratified, then we call for early elections as soon as possible in order to choose a new leadership for Israel which will be loyal to the Jewish people, to the Land of Israel, and to the Torah of Israel."

The language of the *Post* ad, which appeared on the third anniversary of the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, was seen by many as intemperate and reminiscent of the threats against those who signed the Oslo Accords.

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Court extends remands in global bank fraud case

The Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Friday extended for a week the remand of Joseph Proshinsky, 59, from Mea She'arim.

He is suspected of masterminding a massive fraud operation in various parts of the world totalling \$60 million. Among the countries covered were Holland, Britain and Israel.

Three other suspects arrested for alleged participation in the operation are Nathan Tajer, 33, also of Mea She'arim, who was allegedly an active partner of Proshinsky; Uri Naim, driver and aide of Proshinsky; and Eliot Rosenberg, 53, of Mea She'arim, who is suspected of counterfeiting.

Tajer and Proshinsky were wanted by several countries and by Interpol.

A police representative said during the remand hearing that Proshinsky, known also as Joseph Weiss, fraudulently received from the Dutch ANG Bank a sum of \$50m. and transferred it to his own accounts in England. Police say Proshinsky also went by the names Mr. Green and Mr. Gross in his contacts with foreign banks.

Proshinsky is accused of defrauding banks in Israel, of forging mortgage certificates, and cashing them in at a bank for \$300,000.

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UN weapons monitors leave Iraq

By HASSAN HAFIDH

BAGHDAD (Reuters) — A group of 15 UN monitors left Baghdad for Bahrain yesterday after Iraq halted cooperation with the commission in charge of dismantling the country's weapons of mass destruction, a UN official said.

"Some 15 monitors and inspectors have left UNSCOM (the UN Special Commission) headquarters in Baghdad today on their way to depart from Iraq," Caroline Cross, special assistant to the

director of the Baghdad Monitoring and Verification Center, told Reuters.

She said they were leaving aboard a UN flight from Habbaniya airport 100 km north-west of Baghdad for the Gulf island state of Bahrain.

Cross said no UNSCOM technical teams had gone out from Baghdad yesterday, although technicians had visited Iraqi weapons sites during the past week to maintain surveillance equipment.

"No UNSCOM team has went

out today because there is nothing to fix and no sampling devices to change," she said.

The government announced on October 31 it was halting cooperation with UNSCOM inspectors and monitors until the UN Security Council reviewed sanctions imposed over Iraq's 1990-91 occupation of neighboring Kuwait and removed UNSCOM Chairman Richard Butler from his post.

However, Baghdad has allowed the monitors to continue to maintain cameras and surveillance equipment at hundreds of sites

already identified as having prohibited weapons.

Iraq has also permitted the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN watchdog for nuclear weapons, to continue its monitoring work.

"Two IAEA teams went out today to monitor Iraqi sites," Cross said.

She said yesterday's departure from Iraq of the 15 UN officials was "purely an administrative and logistical decision by the UNSCOM executive chairman

[Butler] because their work has been stopped."

She said about 15 more monitors would leave the country in the next few days.

UNSCOM normally has a staff of around 120 inspectors.

The Security Council on Thursday condemned by a unanimous 15-0 vote Iraq's decision to stop cooperating with the weapons inspectors.

Cross said UNSCOM could quickly resume its monitoring activities as soon as Iraq rescinded its decision.

WORLD

in brief

Man convicted in burning death

INDEPENDENCE, Virginia (AP) — An all-white jury Friday recommended life in prison plus a \$100,000 fine for a white sawmill worker who burned a black man alive after a night of drinking. The jury imposed the maximum sentence on Emmett Cressell the day after it convicted him of first-degree murder in the death of Garnett P. Johnson. Another participant pleaded guilty earlier this year.

"Although we felt the evidence was there for a capital conviction, we accept this verdict," said Jeff Johnson, a cousin of the victim. "We are very grateful and thankful." In July 1997, Johnson, a slightly built handyman, was dragged out of the trailer where he had been drinking with a group of white friends, doused with gasoline and burned to death. His corpse was beheaded.

WWI 'cowards' relatives hold memorial

LONDON (Reuters) — The families of some 300 British soldiers shot for cowardice or desertion during World War One held a service for the first time at London's official war memorial yesterday and called for the men to be pardoned. A bugler played the Last Post at the Cenotaph for those deemed cowards at the time, but who are now regarded as having been traumatised by the horror of life in the trenches and constant bombardment.

The defence ministry has expressed regret at the way the men were treated but has ruled out offering pardons. A similar debate is underway in France. Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin said this week it was time to rehabilitate French soldiers executed for mutiny during a disastrous World War One offensive.

Prince Charles sings Beatles song in Bulgaria

PLOVDIV, Bulgaria (Reuters) — Britain's Prince Charles sang the Beatles song "All We Need Is Love" in a duet with Bulgarian President Petar Stoyanov yesterday.

Charles' trip to Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second city and Stoyanov's birthplace, included a visit to the city's House, once the timber-framed mansion of a wealthy resident of the picturesque old town quarter.

In one of its rooms, Charles and Stoyanov stopped to listen to a woman playing the piano and sang along to the British pop group's tune.

Royal aides accompanying the heir to the British throne said Charles rarely, if ever, sang in public.

'Discovery' brings John Glenn back to Earth

By MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — John Glenn returned to Earth in triumph yesterday aboard space shuttle *Discovery*, ending a journey of nearly 6.5 million kilometers.

Within minutes of landing, an exuberant Glenn called out that he felt fine.

"This is PS2," he said, referring to his status as payload specialist No. 2. "I'm better known to a lot of you as John, and I want to rephrase a statement that I made a long, long time ago, except this time it is: One-g and I feel fine."

To NASA's relief, *Discovery's* damaged drag chute did not pop out as the shuttle lined up with the runway on final approach and glided on in.

Commander Curtis Brown Jr. didn't get the go-ahead for the nighttime landing until practically the last minute. Gusty wind threatened to send the shuttle to the backup touchdown site in California, but flight controllers determined that conditions were safe.

Until touchdown, nothing was heard over the radio from the 77-year-old senator — the world's oldest space traveler — as he floated in weightlessness one last time, then strapped himself into the middle seat of *Discovery's* lower, windowless deck for the ride home.

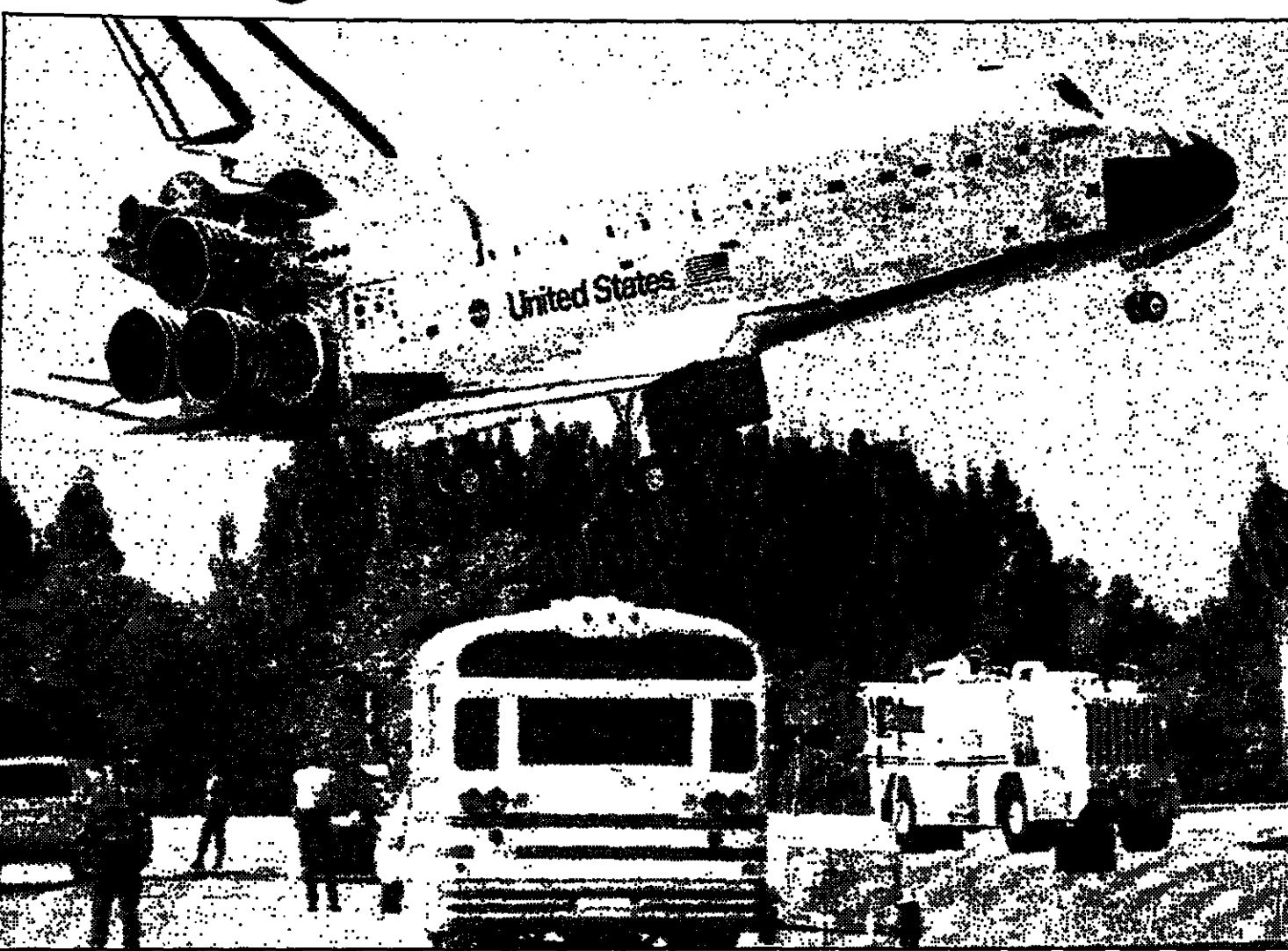
Mission Control addressed all seven crew members once *Discovery* rolled to a safe stop: "Welcome home, *Discovery*, and a crew of seven heroes."

Even though the touchdown appeared to go well, it was the first one in years that did not use a drag chute to slow down.

The drag-chute door fell off just before liftoff nine days ago, raising fears that the chute might come out during landing and cause the shuttle to hit the runway hard. Brown and his co-pilot were ready to immediately eject the chute if that happened.

The tense ride home wrapped up a 5.92 million kilometers journey for Glenn that took him around the Earth 134 times.

He'd been yearning to go back up since his first spaceflight on February 20, 1962, NASA finally



The space shuttle *Discovery* angles towards touchdown yesterday at the Shuttle Landing Facility at the Kennedy Space Center, safely ending its nine-day scientific mission.

gave way in January, clearing him as the first geriatric test subject in space.

The last time Glenn flew, as America's first man in orbit, his *Friendship 7* capsule logged a paltry 125,723 kilometers and circled Earth a mere three times.

He splashed into the Atlantic after a far more suspenseful and nerve-racking descent. Flight controllers feared — wrongly as it turned out — that the capsule's heat shield may have come loose; if so, he would have burned up.

This time, as the last, the mission ended safely despite engineers' initial concerns.

Glenn's wife of 55 years, Annie, and their two children — as well as both grandsons — gathered alongside hundreds of others at the landing strip to welcome him home.

Even a high school band from Glenn's home state of Ohio was on hand, ready to give him a rousing hero's welcome.

A tearful and anxious Annie Glenn watched with the rest of the world on October 29 when the original Mercury astronaut rocketed back into orbit on a mission to study the similarities between aging and weightlessness.

A collective sigh of relief went

out when, three hours into the flight, Glenn announced: "Zero-g and I feel fine," reprising a phrase from his first spaceflight.

On his second and likely last trip into orbit, Glenn participated in 10 experiments studying space- and age-related problems such as fetal sleep and the deterioration of bone and muscle mass.

As part of his work, he spent four nights in a wired-up sleep suit, provided 17 blood samples and wore a mini-data recorder for 24 hours to monitor his heart rate.

But Glenn's role as a guinea pig doesn't end with *Discovery's* return. He faces about four hours

of tests immediately after landing, then more shots, blood draws and wired-up nights of sleep in the weeks ahead.

Glenn also will have to avoid alcohol and caffeine until the middle of next week.

John Charles, a NASA scientist overseeing the medical experiments, said alcohol and caffeine could skew the sleep studies.

"We have dibs on Senator Glenn for a little while," Charles said, adding that it could be a year before the public learns any results from the flight.

"The mission is not over when the wheels stop rolling."

BEERSHEBA

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The Russian and Ethiopian immigrants also will remember that the absorption process in Beersheba has been more successful than just about anywhere else in the country, she said.

"Bunfield utilized the new immigrants to bring the city up, not down, like other towns," Borbia said.

Beersheba's English-speaking residents, however, also may remember that Bunfield didn't bother to show up at either the AACI or Eshel Avraham, a Conservative synagogue with a large number of Anglo-Saxon members, for their meet-the-candidates events.

Termer and Mor did appear to answer questions and discuss their plans for the city. Most of the questions asked were the same ones asked at prior meetings around the city, Termer volunteer Esther Sharon said.

Most of the immigrants from English-speaking countries are very well integrated into Beersheba, and there aren't really any "Anglo" issues, said Sharon, who is originally from Philadelphia.

Mor, who is focusing on improving education, impressed the AACI's audience with his English, said Esterlea Katzenell, who moved to Beersheba 26 years ago, also from Philadelphia.

She faulted him, however, for painting too pessimistic a picture of Beersheba and not recognizing how much the city has advanced over the past few years.

Mor's campaign adds emphasis that the current leadership is clueless when it comes to improving education and the quality of life, increasing cultural attractions and cracking down on corruption.

Both Mor and Epstein have acknowledged that they won't win the election and now are hoping they can get more city council seats than the 19 other lists running in the city. Epstein is hoping to get two or three seats, Epstein volunteer

Ya'acov Zino said.

"Other [mayoral] candidates want the seat and the honor; he really wants to help Beersheba," Zino said of Epstein, an engineer and businessman who's investing his own money in the race for mayor. "He thinks he has something to give the city."

Epstein's campaign is focusing on improving services to residents and lowering municipal taxes (amona), the other volunteer at Epstein's small campaign headquarters chimed in. "The stuff that everyone says they'll do, but honestly, no one but him is going to do it."

Judging by the dozens of volunteers and staffers at Termer's headquarters, housed in what was once Beersheba's biggest supermarket, a lot of people think Termer — a former police inspector-general and air force brigadier-general who now runs the Israel Air Force Museum at Hatzorim — is going to accomplish what he's promising.

"Beersheba is the city with the most potential in Israel," Termer said last week, as he introduced his plans to improve education, clean up the city and connect it to Tel Aviv with a high-speed train and the rest of the world by turning part of the Neveatim Air Force Base into an international airport.

He also wants to bring high-tech jobs to Beersheba, he told a gathering of the city's entrepreneurs last week, and promised that he would support their initiatives.

Omer

Unlike Beersheba, where layers of election posters are plastered on top of one another, one has to look hard to find a campaign poster or banner in Omer. It's against the town's ordinances to post campaign propaganda on public property, and few residents have put up signs in the well-tended yards of their villas.

Omer Local Council chairman Pini Badash has invested heavily in making Omer an attractive place to live, according to his aide, Nir Nissim.

Thanks to his other job, as a

Tsomet MK, Badash has been able to steer funds and investors to the town during his seven years as council head, Nissim said, and built a high-tech park, an industrial park, a large, modern high school, and a desalination plant which provides more than enough water to make this desert suburb green.

If he wins this election, however, by law he will have to resign his Knesset seat.

Though the vast majority of Omer residents voted for the Labor Party in the 1996 Knesset elections, many have said they will support Badash because he takes good care of the town.

Ben-Gurion University political geography professor David Newman, who also is the director of the Humphrey Institute for Social Research and a *Jerusalem Post* columnist, said this split in allegiances "in principle is a very good thing" for Omer, as it means the candidates — Badash and Labor contender Asher Raz — are focusing on local issues.

It usually also means that fewer people vote, he added, because local elections just aren't very exciting. People don't really have to fight about clearing away garbage, he pointed out.

The election in Omer this year is exceptional, Newman said, because the Peace Party, a left-wing list affiliated with Meretz, is running for city council.

Yitzhak Nevo, a philosophy professor at Ben-Gurion University who is on the peace list, said his goal is to provide an enlightened opposition to whoever wins.

"We want a group of left-oriented, liberal-minded delegates to make sure the tendency to act without careful planning and cooperation with our neighbors" is kept in check, Nevo said.

Much of the building in Omer has been unnecessary and done at the expense of its Beduin neighbors, he said. The high-tech park, for example, is a "white elephant," he said, even if it is a "nice white elephant."

It was built after the Oslo Accords were signed and investors from

around the world were expected to flock to the Negev. Due to setbacks in the peace process, Nevo said, it isn't nearly as profitable as expected.

Kiryat Malachi

Everyone in Kiryat Malachi agrees that the town's in bad shape. Unemployment is rampant, the educational system is disgraceful, there are no cultural outlets to speak of, and the youth — plus anyone else who can afford to — is moving out.

All three of the mayoral candidates agree that these issues must be rectified.

According to Kiryat Malachi Mayor Shimon Morde, the situation was even worse before he was elected.

During his five years in office, the number of pupils dropping out of school decreased and the number passing the matriculation exams increased, he said.

He's also worked to improve the infrastructure and build new neighborhoods for the town's youth and the thousands of new immigrants from Russia and Ethiopia. (One of the independent lists supporting Morde is made up of Ethiopian immigrants.)

Still, Morde acknowledged, his multiyear plan to turn around Kiryat Malachi and take advantage of its central location to attract industry and benefit its citizens needs more than five years.

"Shimi [Morde] had five years and he didn't do enough to improve the town," said Ilana Morad, who is running against Morde on a Labor-affiliated list. "There's no reason for it not to be nice here."

Morad, who raised her five daughters in Kiryat Malachi and has been active in local politics and feminist groups, hopes that this Likud stronghold is ready to break with tradition and give a woman a chance to address the town's problems.

"I think if I win, it's a success for all women," she said.

Changes within the Likud itself may be the solution for which Kiryat Malachi residents are looking. Several months ago, at the request of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, 28-year-old Lior Katsav ran against Morde in the Likud primary.

Katsav, the youngest brother of former Kiryat Malachi mayor and Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, soundly defeated Morde, who, along with pictures of Netanyahu, Yitzhak Shamir and Menachem Begin, has a 1993 letter of endorsement from Moshe Katsav in his office.

"Wherever I went, people would tell me that the best time was when Moshe [Katsav] was mayor," Katsav said. "A lot of people are going to vote for me because of this, I think."

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BOMBING

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Dahayneh had been angry and embittered since losing part of his leg after being shot during a clash with Israeli soldiers when he was 13, his relatives said.

The Prime Minister's Office released a statement last night, saying Dahayneh had been wanted by the General Security Service for a long time, and had been "activated" by an Islamic Jihad cell in Jenin.

The statement offered no information on Zuhayar.

Dahayneh's wife, AP reported, showed visitors a letter she said he had written to her before the attack.

It said: "Not the Wye agreement, not the Palestinian Authority, or the Israeli government, or even Clinton, will stop me from meeting my God. If they can, let them stop me."

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat appeared on Channel 1 Friday evening and condemned the bombing as "criminal," saying "we must work together, Israelis and Palestinians, to confront these terrorist acts that aim to destroy the peace process."

Arafat said he would "exert 100 percent effort" to track down those involved.

The blast occurred at 9:45 Friday morning, a time when the area is typically crowded with shoppers.

A red Fiat 127 with Israeli license plates drove toward the market from downtown on Jaffa Road, made a u-turn and then chugged its way north — an illegal move on Jaffa Road, which is closed in that direction to private cars.

As it passed the open-air street of the market, a small explosion took place and the car began emitting red smoke. Witnesses described hearing three or four popping noises that sounded like pistol shots or firecrackers.

As the car began to smoke, bystanders sensed something was wrong and began running from the scene.

"There was a boy at the coconut stand who first sensed something and he screamed 'Everyone run away!'" said shopper Yosef Cohen. "He saved a lot of people."

As police started clearing the area and yelling for everyone to get back, the Fiat continued northward, stopping at the entrance to the covered part of the market.

Yehudit Levy had been buying cakes at the Haba bakery when she saw smoke coming from the car.

"I saw the face of the terrorist," she said. "It was dark, thin and kind of pinched. He gripped the steering wheel hard and stared straight in front of him. He looked scared. I couldn't understand why he wasn't getting out of this dangerous car. I wanted to help him."

As police shouted at her and others to move away from the car, the explosives detonated, flipping the vehicle into the air in a ball of fire, as shards of metal and glass littered the marketplace.

The two charred and dismembered bodies of the suicide bombers were thrown onto the street, one cut nearly in half, the other barelegged and face-down in a pool of blood.

Chunks of the car scattered, including its roof, which was thrown 50 meters southward. "I stopped," said Levy. "And I

looked at the bodies. I don't know why I did it. I felt pity for them."

Levy said it was the smoke flowing from the car that saved lives. "We ran away from the smoke," she said. "If it wasn't for the smoke, there would have been a terrible massacre because it was very crowded."

Eric Moussaieff, 28, an apprentice pharmacist at Oplataka Pharmacy, said: "We thought at first it was an exhaust; we heard the explosion and ran outside."

"It was a miracle because there were hardly any people outside," he continued. "There were shots fired, and then I heard the second explosion, and the car in pieces flying. I fell to the ground, my ears ringing."

In the wreckage, pieces of two briefcases were found, containing explosive materials.

Police said it was unclear whether the bombers intended to commit suicide in the car, plant the bombs and flee, or hand-carry the explosives deep into the crowded market. The briefcases may have been detonated in desperation because the Fiat was breaking down.

On July 30, 1997, just a block east of Friday's explosion, two terrorists detonated explosives they were carrying in the market, killing 16 people.

Friday's attack was the third since the start of the talks at the Wye Plantation.

On October 19, a terrorist hurled two grenades into a bus station in Beersheba, wounding more than 60. On October 29, a suicide bomber attempted to drive his car — rigged with explosives — into a school bus full of children in the Gaza Strip. An army jeep managed to intercept the bomber and took the brunt of the blast. One soldier was killed, but none of the children were hurt.

"It is clear that there are certain types of attacks for which our deployment, no matter how tight and reinforced, is not hermetic," Police Insp.-Gen. Yehuda Wilk said at the scene Friday.

"But this is the type of incident which could have ended [up] much, much worse, especially if the explosion had happened inside the market."

Talk of how much worse the bombing could have been was on everyone's lips Friday.

"When the big explosion went [off], there were not that many people nearby," said witness Yanakov Shlomo. "That was a miracle from heaven."

Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky agreed.

"For the third time in the last two weeks, we are saved by some miracle. It is difficult to rely on this all the time," he said.

As a crowd of curious onlookers gathered at the site, right-wingers condemned Arabs and the Wye Memorandum, shouting "We want revenge" and "Death to the Arabs," before they were removed by police.

Some called Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu a traitor, while another protester held up a sign that read, "Bibi is to blame." Within a half-hour of the bombing, shoppers had resumed their errands, angrily defiant in their commitment to resume their routine.

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Blowing up the peace

We were lucky this time, but luck cannot always be relied upon. Had the two Islamic Jihad suicide bombers succeeded in blowing up their car in the midst of Jerusalem's bustling Mahaneh Yehuda market, full of innocent people intent only on finishing their Shabbat shopping, then the aftershock of the explosion on the peace process would be far more serious than the cabinet's decision to halt in mid-session its discussion of the Wye Memorandum.

Friday's failed terror attack came just a week after heroic IDF soldiers, guarding a schoolbus in Gaza, prevented an unthinkable massacre of young children on their way to school. Then it was not luck that kept the peace process on track, but the willingness of young men like Sgt. Alexei Nikov to lay down their lives in the course of fulfilling their duty.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said after that attack, that had the schoolbus of Gush Katif children exploded, the Wye agreement would have disappeared with it. He was right then, as are other Palestinian leaders this weekend, who have said that the suicide bombers behind the Jerusalem attack risk undermining everything the PA is attempting to achieve.

Israeli security officials have, for some time,

been warning that any progress in negotiations between Israel and the PA will be marked by increased attempts by Islamic Jihad and Hamas to nullify the fruits of negotiation by acts of savage terror. It is the duty of the Palestinian leadership to stamp out these cruel killers, both of people and of hope of a better future, lurking in the midst of the Palestinian population.

This is why the Netanyahu government is correct in its approach to the implementation of Wye: Territory will only be ceded to Palestinian control if the Palestinians keep their word regarding the fight against terror.

This battle against evil is not just a technical matter, of rounding up wanted terrorists with blood on their hands. If a true process of peace and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians is to take place, then this requires a clear and unequivocal statement on the part of the Palestinian leadership that they are truly committed to living in peace with Israel, a statement which can be best made by the annulment of the notorious Palestinian Charter by the Palestinian National Council.

Any attempt by the PA to wiggle out of this commitment made at Wye will have the same effect on implementing the memorandum as cold-blooded car-bomb attacks.

The people have spoken

The Republican debacle in the United States mid-term election should sound a loud warning to politicians everywhere who think they know better than the voters.

Despite consistent public opinion polls showing that the average American voter did not want an otherwise excellent president impeached over a sex scandal, the Republicans, led by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, foolishly decided to make it a campaign issue.

For failing to read the message from the countryside rather than the chatter from Beltway gossip and media, they have paid the price. The debacle has been most costly for Gingrich, who quite rightly has felt obliged to quit over his serious error of judgment.

With the fall of Gingrich, the Republicans' stillborn Contract with America also bites the dust, four years to the day after they carried it triumphantly into Congress following the midterm elections of Bill Clinton's first term.

These midterm polls are so complex in terms of issues and personalities that it is usually facile to make sweeping generalizations from the results. However, it is usually reasonable to expect that the party of the president does less well nationally than the opposition. This was in the minds of the founding fathers who framed the system - providing one more check on any temptation to arrogant self-importance by the White House.

This time it is a self-humiliated and now contrite president who has won back the sympathy and trust of the voters, and it is the arrogant House Speaker, and to a lesser extent his party, who have been punished for not paying attention.

The Republicans who have succeeded most convincingly in these elections, such as the two sons of George Bush in Texas and Florida, are

Republicans in the more moderate and pragmatic mold. The American voters chastised a pre-Monica Clinton in the first midterm poll, but have since warmed to his pragmatic and successful economic shift to the right. Now, where they have not punished them for following the Gingrich hard line, they have rewarded Republicans who are less rightist and fundamentalist.

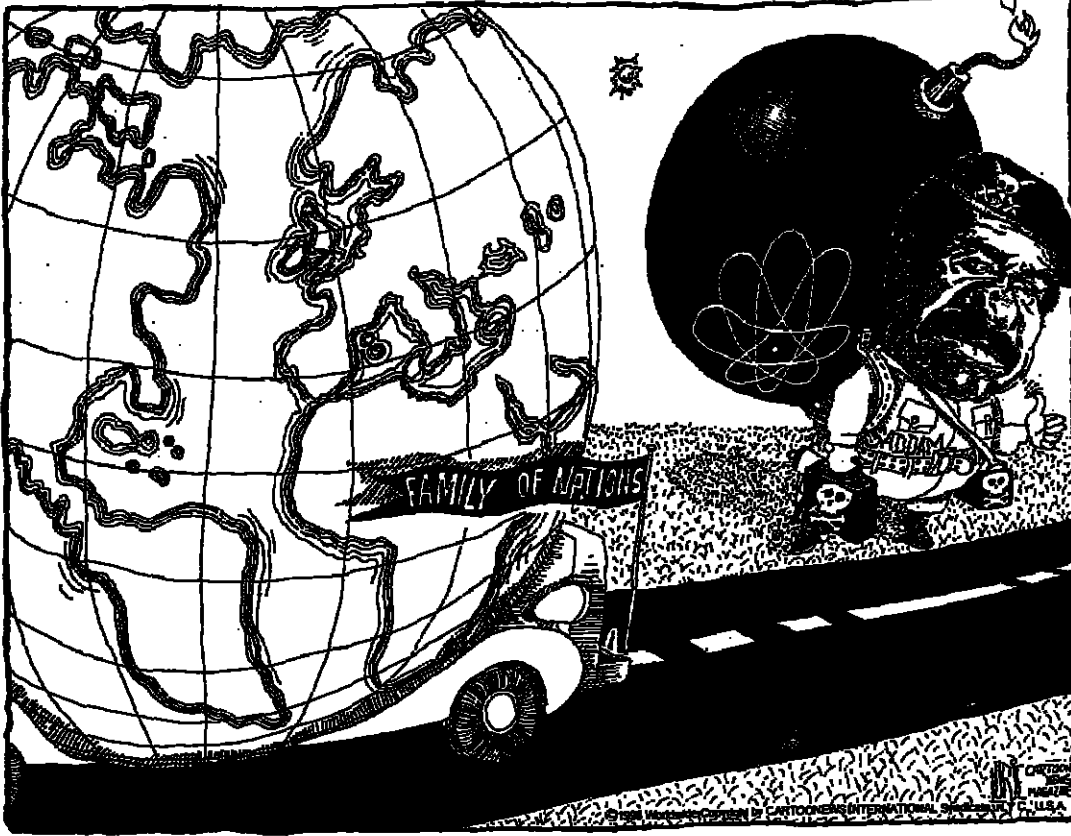
This trend of rejecting extremes in favor of grass-roots social issues is now a world-wide voter phenomenon in democracies, with "new center" politicians winning solid support almost everywhere. It may not make for a kinder, gentler world yet, but it makes for a more sensible one.

Opinion polls have been telling shrill Republicans and Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr that their costly witch-hunting obsession with "getting Clinton" has transgressed more bounds of decency than any private sexual affair, but they have been voices crying in the wilderness. Now Gingrich has been forced to admit what he wouldn't listen to before, namely that the American people are fed up with it, and that they are more or less satisfied that Clinton is doing what he was elected to do - run the country.

Gingrich made two major blunders. He managed to turn the popular Contract with America victory into a mean-spirited and unpopular government shut-down to spite the president. And now he has turned what he assumed to be a scandal-based disaster for Democrats into a near political disaster for Republicans as the 2000 presidential race looms.

His erratic record made his departure inevitable, and an invaluable lesson to politicians who think they can put personal agendas and antagonisms before the good of the country, or the will of the people.

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Accept no blame

DAVID WEINBERG

At first, I was dumbfounded by the provision in the recent Wye Memorandum which designates the CIA as chief judge, jury and adjudicator of Israeli security. Since when does Israel abdicate responsibility for assessing its national security to a foreign intelligence agency?

Eventually, it dawned on me that I shouldn't be surprised at this abandonment of traditional Israeli doctrine.

Long ago, we stopped taking responsibility for our actions or accepting responsibility for our failures, personal and political. Disavowing responsibility is a national disease. Why should the peace process be immune?

The flight from responsibility pervades every level of our lives. If something goes wrong - at home, at work, in the community - don't ever admit your role in the error! Don't be a freier - common Hebrew slang meaning sucker. Blame it on someone or something else! And if you stand tough, you might even convince everybody around you to look away.

Take for example, Eli Zeira. To this day, the IDF military intelligence chief of the Yom Kippur War doesn't feel any sense of personal responsibility, or any degree of shame, for the colossal intelligence failure of 25 years ago!

Of course, Nimrodi is similarly unrepentant. The publisher of *Ma'ariv*, jailed recently after being convicted of wiretapping and other abuses of power, has no personal sense of responsibility. It is all *Yediot Aharonot's* fault. Consequently, he has no intention of resigning despite the prison sentence - and no-one expects him to. Why be a freier just because you've done something completely unethical by the journalistic standards of the Western world?

Compare this to Canada - an enlightened democracy by any standard. The Canadian fisheries minister resigned a couple of

years ago, with haste, after cans of tainted tuna were discovered. It wasn't even his fault, but it was his bailiwick, and he took responsibility.

Then there is Ya'akov Bardugo, one of David Levy's backroom boys, who bounces from one cushy government job to another, picking-up fat pensions and severance payouts along the way. All in the name of the poor, down-

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trodden Sephardi workers whom Levy purports to represent, of course.

Accused once again recently of dipping his hand in the public till, Bardugo takes no responsibility nor denies the charges. "It was all according to allowable regulations," he protests, completely oblivious to considerations of public ethics and accountability.

Poor guy, he was just following the rules, and getting away with whatever he possibly could. No embarrassment, no blushing, no responsibility to the public.

The main thing is not to be a freier.

This explains why nobody of public weight ever has been held responsible - or is likely to be - for a whole range of recent public disasters, from the Maccabiah bridge collapse, to uncontrollable forest fires, to the collapse of classroom ceilings, to the Mossad's Mashal fiasco and accidents in the army leading to death.

Our national disease - call it Acquired Responsibility Deficiency Syndrome or "responsibility interruptus" - ensures that no-one will be answerable

for these failures.

The syndrome is even more deeply embedded in some religious circles, because God serves as the fall guy for everything. You can hide your responsibility behind Him.

Three kids died in an Ofakim succa fire this fall, after their parents left them sleeping alone in the wooden hut with candles still burning. The grieving mother took no responsibility for her carelessness. "It was God's will," she intoned piously. "They were taken from us as penance for the sins of the generation."

Itamar Doron, the Breslau hasid who was murdered at the natural mikveh in the hills below Moshav Ora, never armed himself on his lone outings in the forest, despite warnings from friends. He would respond dismissively to these entreaties, his mourning father would later recount. "If it is God's will, He will protect me," Doron would say.

I say that this is nonsense, the foolishness of religious simpletons, who haven't learned their Talmud. "Adam muad le'olam" - man has total responsibility for his actions and all their negative outcomes - teaches Tractate Baba Kama (3b). "Anyone who had the authority to prevent, or even to protest, a wrongdoing - and doesn't - carries the iniquity on his Heavenly record," instructs Tractate Shabbat (44b).

And now the "responsibility interruptus" syndrome extends to the diplomatic process too. Likud blames Labor: it saddled us with this rotten accord in the first place. And Labor blames Bibi: his feet-dragging has caused all the troubles ever since.

Ministers can savage the accord in public and vote against it, yet stay in the government - because they accept no ultimate responsibility for anything that happens on their watch.

In essence, no-one is responsible for the failures of the peace process, you see. Except perhaps Washington and the CIA.

Gross miscalculation

DANIEL BLOCH

Three weeks ago I wrote in this column, after a visit to Washington and New York, "it seems that the Republicans have miscalculated the electorate's reaction to President Bill Clinton's sexual misconduct... I get the feeling that these elections will be more a referendum on the Republicans in Congress, than on Clinton's White House."

The writing was on the wall but there were many who did not seem to see it. Among those were the Republican leadership, headed by House Speaker Newt Gingrich; The Grand Inquisitor, Kenneth Starr (lying to an inquisition is not an impeachable offense, said the American voter) and his political allies; Arthur Finkelstein and his clients in America and in Israel; and the leadership of AIPAC and some major Jewish organizations, who gambled on Republican gains.

The self-proclaimed Jewish leadership in the US seems to represent only a very small but vocal minority. The vast majority of Jews are Democrats, moderate liberals and support the Oslo peace process launched by Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. Most of them belong to Conservative or Reform congregations and oppose the haredim, the main Jewish group that supports the Republicans.

They resent the alliance with the Christian fundamentalists. They voted for Bill Clinton and support him, and in most cases voted for Democrats in these last elections, even when some of their "leadership" endorsed a Republican candidate, as in the case of New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato, who was defeated by Charles Schumer.

The leadership of AIPAC, made an even bigger mistake in counting on a stronger Republican majority in Congress to support their agenda: They should have noticed that, even on the eve of Election Day, the Republican leadership fiercely opposed the release of Jonathan Pollard.

They were totally wrong. They

It's time for the American Jewish leadership to better reflect the attitudes of most US Jews

made an even bigger mistake in counting on a stronger Republican majority in Congress to support their agenda: They should have noticed that, even on the eve of Election Day, the Republican leadership fiercely opposed the release of Jonathan Pollard.

These losers counted on the negative, hate-mongering tactics of Arthur Finkelstein, even though they have backfired in every American campaign he has been involved in lately. His only success was in proving again that you can fool some of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.

Whoever wants to win the next elections - here or in the US - had better stay away from his tactics and advice.

It is now an appropriate time for soul-searching for the Jewish leadership in America, especial-

ly at AIPAC. They have to end their pro-Republican moves and return to the traditional bipartisan attitude, reflecting the fact that the vast majority of Jewish voters are Democrats and will remain so.

Their soul-searching must include their attitude towards the peace process and repentance for the hard time they gave Rabin after the signing of the Oslo Accords.

Many tend to forget the negative attitude that greeted the late prime minister during his last visit to the US, about a month before his assassination. Most Jewish leaders refused to support him publicly or to lobby for the implementation of the agreements with the Palestinians. On the contrary, they supported the Likud emissaries that lobbied Congress against supporting the peace process, against the democratic decisions of the Israeli government and the Knesset.

These tactics are now coming back to haunt Netanyahu, as some of the same emissaries are now lobbying against the Wye Memorandum.

Because of these mistakes, AIPAC and the Presidents' Conference lost a lot of their prestige and credibility. Only a reshuffling of personnel and a revamping of their ideological perspective might change this trend.

There is a need for a new leadership that is truly representative of the social and political agenda of the vast majority of the Jewish community, that wholeheartedly supports the peace process, and that will forge alliances with those groups in American society that share the same values as most American Jewry.

DNA and probable cause

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

DNA, which is quickly becoming the magic bullet of crime investigation, poses some real challenges to the US constitution.

This powerful forensic tool - some now claim it can establish Thomas Jefferson's paternity of a child born to his slave - is making it possible to solve crimes that had previously gone undetected. But at what price?

A recent case in Massachusetts illustrates both sharp edges of this knife that cuts two ways. A 24-year-old comatose patient at a Lawrence nursing home recently gave birth to a child. She had been comatose for three years, so it is beyond dispute that the father of the child raped her.

She, of course, cannot identify her rapist since she is non-communicative. But the rapist's DNA has been transmitted to the baby. So the police are now seeking to test blood samples from every male who had any access to the woman during the period of time when she became pregnant.

There is apparently no other evidence which might narrow the field to a smaller number of suspects. Thus there is no "probable cause" to suspect any individual members of this rather large class of hospital workers, friends, relatives and other who may have had some access to the comatose woman.

The constitutional question is thus squarely presented: Can the police compel dozens, perhaps hundreds, of men to submit to DNA blood testing on the basis

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of no individualized suspicion, but rather on the basis of their membership in a relevant suspect class based on nothing criminal, but rather on mere access?

The answer may depend on three additional questions: the first is whether a compelled blood test is a "search" or "seizure" as these terms are used in the Fourth Amendment; the second is whether, if it is a search, it must be based on "probable cause" rather than mere reasonableness; the third is whether, if reasonableness is enough, this intrusion satisfies that rather open-ended criteria.

It would seem clear that a compelled blood test - involving the injection of a needle into the vein and the removal of blood for testing - is indeed a search. It would also seem clear that on the basis of the evidence in this case, there is no "probable cause" against any individual, at least if "probable" is given its ordinary statistical meaning.

Finally, it seems clear that a search of all males who had access to the victim is not "unreasonable," in the sense that there is a better "reason" for testing their blood than for testing the blood of a randomly selected group of people.

SO THE QUESTION remains: is "reasonableness" enough of a basis for an intrusive search such as blood testing? And, if so, where do we draw the line? Could 100 people be searched? 1,000 people? The entire population of a city? What if the baby were of a particular minority race? Could every male member of that race have his blood tested?

There are some who argue that DNA testing is so powerful a tool that everyone's DNA should routinely be on file with the FBI so that any time a crime could be solved by DNA testing, a computer could find the match. Does this sound a bit too much like *Brave New World*?

Already the FBI is creating a database of the DNA of all criminals. Should it take the next steps of including all newborn babies, all government employees, all workers in sensitive jobs?

If we take fingerprints from all of the above, why not DNA prints? These are the questions we must address in order to assure that we control technology, rather than technology controlling us.

Now, back to the Massachusetts case. So far everyone who has been asked to give a blood sample has agreed without the need for a court order. But, several men who had access to the victim are no longer in the area, and it is certainly possible that the actual rapist is someone who simply sneaked into the facility and is not within the suspect group.

This investigation may not, therefore, present the test case concerning widespread DNA testing and the Fourth Amendment, but there surely will be a test case of this important issue soon enough. We must begin to think about how to strike the proper balance between DNA technology and privacy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHOOSE PEACE

Sir, - reading and hearing the remarks of MK Uzi Landau, Benny Begin and others who refer to the Wye agreements as anti-Zionist, anti-Israeli and even anti-Jewish, raise serious questions as to where they have been living these past 30 months.

During the electioneering campaign in 1996, Prime Minister Netanyahu repeated time and time again that he would honor international agreements signed by previous governments, and specifically included the Oslo Accords in that category.

What has happened now, at Wye, is nothing less or more than the pre-

sent government fulfilling the Oslo Accords, albeit with the essential checks and monitoring arrangements omitted from the original, carefully worded agreements.

Netanyahu won an outright majority for himself in the 1996 elections, whereas the Likud obtained 32 seats together with Geshet and Tsomet. Labor gained 34 seats from their supporters. Thus, the fact that Likud is now in power is due solely to Binyamin Netanyahu.

Another important factor is the recent poll showing that 75 percent of Israelis are in favor of the Wye agreements, and desperately

seek a peaceful end to Israel-Palestinian strife.

MK Begin must also bear in mind that his late, great, father, Menachem, at Camp David, granted the Palestinians autonomy in "an area to be agreed upon." Doubtless in doing so he was in the position Netanyahu, Sharon, Mordechai and Sharansky were in Wye, - agree to something tangible, or suffer the consequences of achieving nothing. His father, too, had to choose and, being a pragmatist, he chose to achieve peace!

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Tel Aviv.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On November 8, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that in view of the fact that imported potatoes were very expensive, the government had decided to import a large quantity of seed potatoes, to encourage their planting, and to establish a special agricultural experimental station near Ramle.

50 years ago: On November 8, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that Majdal had surrendered to an Israeli patrol. The UN Chief

Observer, General Riley, advised Arabs to negotiate directly with Israel.

Great Britain, while rearming the Arabs, had embarked on a new offensive against Israel by announcing that it would postpone the due release of £1 million sterling balance intended for urgent food purchases.

25 years ago: On November 8, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the nation was mourning its 1,854 sons. One thousand

eight hundred wounded were in hospitals and 3,000 wounded had either been returned to their units or were still convalescing in special rest homes. Four hundred and fifty soldiers were missing and unaccounted for.

Fifty additional truckloads of supplies were allowed to go through to the surrounded Egyptian Third Army while compromise was sought on the terms of the cease-fire.

Alexander Zvielli

Masterpieces with prices to match

AT THE AUCTIONS

A quite staggering array of major impressionist and modernist works is to be auctioned by Sotheby's New York on November 16 and 17, many of them masterpieces from the noted Readers Digest Collection. Prices are to match.

Among the many historic pictures in the November 16 offering is a small but vibrantly colored oil on cardboard by Wassily Kandinsky from 1908, similar in palette and mode to several of his paintings in the Merzbacher Collection currently on view at the Israel Museum. Weisser Klang (White Sound) is a semi-abstracted landscape with figures dominated by a large whitish passage, ostensibly a clearing in a forest. In concept it is a pivotal picture in art history (\$3m.-\$4m.). Another major work in this sale is a lovely Cezanne of the bridge and spillway at Pontoise, 1881, a work that, its angular brushwork aside, might have been painted by Pissarro. As a matter of historical fact, the river bank at Pontoise was one of Pissarro's favorite plein-air locations, and he and Cezanne often sat there together, painting side by side. It was inevitable that these friends would have some influence on each other. This not so large oil, 60x73cm., has an estimate of \$8m.-\$10m.

Pierre-Auguste Renoir was a notoriously uneven portraitist, but when he was good he was marvelous. There's a very good Renoir portrait of a little red-haired girl in this sale, Mme. Grimpel with a Blue Ribbon, 1880, beautifully composed (\$4m.-\$6m.). Carrying the same high estimate is a powerful plinth-mounted polished bronze head by pioneer modernist sculptor Constantin Brancusi.

Also in this sale is a late pencil and watercolor by Cezanne of trees in the park of Chateau Noir, made somewhere around 1900-04, with a huge estimate — for a work on paper — of \$1.8m.-\$2.5m.

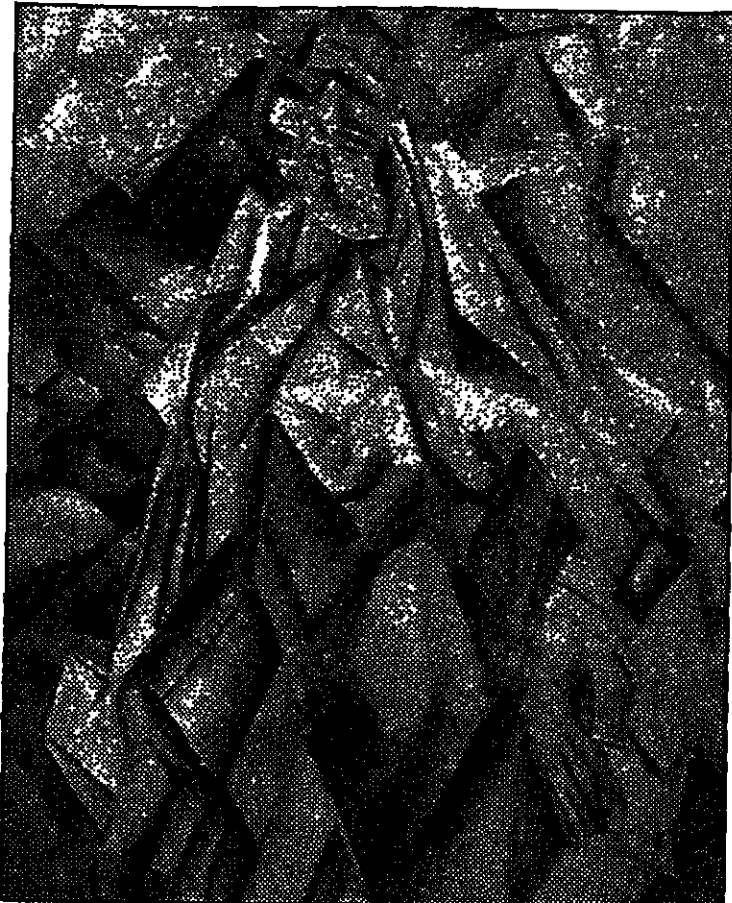
Prices for art from the Readers Digest Collection included in this sale are astronomical but reflect the quality of the work. After the Digest was founded by Dewitt and Lila Acheson Wallace in 1922, Lila set about buying Van Gogh, Impressionists and Modernists with an unerring eye, all "on behalf" of their corporation. Among the oils she purchased is a late Monet of water lilies (\$9m.-\$12m.); a Cezanne oil of a landscape from around 1882-5 (also with the same estimate) and a monumental oil of Jeanne Hebuterne, 1919, by Modigliani (again with a \$9m.-\$12m. estimate). A figurative but Mondrian-like Ocean View, 1959, by the late Californian master Richard Diebenkorn, is quite simply a chief d'oeuvre and has an estimate of \$1.5m.-\$2m.

Of late, the Readers Digest has fallen on hard times. It owns some 8,000 works of art but is parting with the best items in the hope of raising \$70m.-\$100m. to help restructure the ailing corporation.

ON NOVEMBER 17 Sotheby's New York offers 27 works from the Morton G. Neumann Family Collection, headed by Picasso's Nude, 1909, an early cubist work with an estimate of \$10m.-\$15m. The reason: This oil is regarded as the most analytical cubist work to appear at an auction in almost a generation.

Neumann's legendary collection, much of it bought directly from the artists, includes three works by Klee, four by Dufuffet, a rare early surrealist bronze by Giacometti and the jokey and colorful Head of a Smoker, 1925, by Joan Miro (\$1m.-\$1.5m.).

ALSO AT this auction are offerings from the eclectic '50s and '60s collection of Mildred and Herbert Lee. Featured are two early encaustic paintings by Jasper Johns, notably White Numbers, 1958 (\$7m.-\$9m.), and a drip-dry Jackson Pollock, 1950



Pablo Picasso: Female Nude, oils, 1909 (10m.-\$15m. at Sotheby's New York)



Pierre-Auguste Renoir: Mme. Grimpel With a Blue Ribbon, oils, 1880 (\$4m.-\$6m. at Sotheby's New York)

(\$2m.-\$2.5m.). The Pollock is painted — dripped — onto cheap composition board covered in near-black enamel industrial paint. Gray aluminum paint drippings mix with others in red and yellow in this quintessential but not over-worked Pollock.

Another pricey work in this collection is an unflattering portrait of the beautiful Francoise Gilot by her lover Pablo Picasso. Dated May 1952, this profile with two eyes is executed in a cloisonne effect, with the black outlines of face and hair being filled chiefly with flat colors. I found it off-putting (\$2m.-\$2.5m.). By this time Picasso had his eye on Gilot's successor, Jacqueline, which may explain the unsympathetically thickened features of the Francoise profile.

THIS MONTH marks the 20th anniversary of the death of the modern Chinese master and teacher Ding Yanyong (1902-78) and a score of his paintings are being sold by Sotheby's at their sale of Modern and Contemporary Chinese Paintings in Hong Kong today.

All are in ink and color on paper, mostly illustrations and depictions of opera figures, in a spare but humorous calligraphic style that resembles comics. In fact, however, the style derives from that of Japanese 16th and 17th century Zen Buddhist monks. This isn't surprising, for this amusing artist was trained in Tokyo as a young man. He returned to China in 1927 but settled in Hong Kong after the communist takeover in 1948.

Also on offer are some of the more traditional compositions by this artist, but even these are innovative and informed by an intellectual humor. Some will fetch more than \$20,000.

There are over 200 lots in this sale. The other large group of modern paintings is by the popular Qi Baishi (1864-1957), a virtuoso who sometimes skated on the thin ice close to kitsch. But his brilliant Lotus and Dragonfly, 1945, is a tour de force that will likely top \$30,000.

A MASSIVE sale of largely dreadful 19th-century narrative and salon oils takes place at Sotheby's New York this Tuesday but there are some fascinating works by major artists, notably Corot, Millet and Courbet. However, the fun section of this sale consists of 73 lots from the collection of the Masco Corporation, which are expected to fetch around \$4m. The cover of the separate catalog devoted to these works is a detail from the melodramatic The Casino at Monte Carlo, 1890, by Jean Beraud, depicting several dozen



Ding Yanyong: Dragon Boat, ink and color on paper (\$13,000-\$19,000 at Sotheby's Hong Kong)

men and women at a roulette table just as the croupier calls "No More Bets!" Greed, fear and despair feature in this marvelously descriptive morality piece (\$1.5m.-\$2m.). Another, kitchier Beraud in this sale is his La Marseillaise, 1880, showing a crowd scene at the Place de la Bastille, with young and old republicans singing the anthem on the occasion of the first Bastille Day. A detail of this work adorns the cover of the main catalog (\$400,000-\$600,000).

The same estimate, by the way, is listed for a small oil of a reclining nude ascribed to Eugene Delacroix.

Beautiful young women, preferably deshabille or naked, were the

favourite subjects of most 19th-century painters, often in the guise of classical, historical or biblical characters. The Delacroix has no such pretensions. But a recently rediscovered nude by Italy's Francesco Hayez, painted before 1830, depicts Bathsheba at her bath, glancing up at, no doubt, his royal self. This quite masterly neo-classic oil has an estimate of \$600,000-\$800,000.

A major allegory of France painted by William Adolphe Bouguereau in 1882, is from the collection of Sylvester Stallone. I can understand that he tired of it but it is an enormously accomplished work with an estimate to match (\$2.2m.-\$2.6m.) Englishmen like



Constantin Brancusi: The Muse, polished bronze on limestone base (\$8m.-\$10m. at Sotheby's New York)

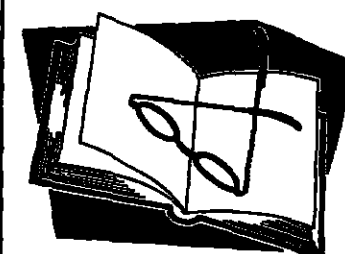
Alma-Tadema, Grimshaw, Taylor and Burne-Jones are also represented. There's a portrait of a North African Jew by orientalist Jean-Leon Gerome (\$35,000-\$50,000); two lively beach scenes by Spain's Bastida (\$100,000-\$150,000) and Valls (\$40,000-\$60,000); and an elegiac interior from 1907 by Denmark's Vilhelm Hammershoi, proto-Mondrian in composition and as good if not better than anything in the recent exhibition devoted to him at the Guggenheim Museum. I predict it will top its rosiest estimate of \$160,000.



Roosevelt: daunting role model

(Camera Press)

BOOK REVIEW



By Joseph R.L. Sterne

THE LION'S PRIDE: Theodore Roosevelt and His Family in Peace and War, by Edward J. Renehan Jr. (Oxford University Press, \$30, 271 pp.)

Theodore Roosevelt flung himself into fatherhood with the same gusto that he grasped, hugged and exulted in all the wonders of life.

He was hero, companion and daunting role model to his six children, leading them on many a point-to-point hike where one could go over or under, but never around, any obstacle.

His fierce patriotism and eagerness to risk death in battle, as exemplified by his daredevil charge up San Juan Hill, became a family as well as a national legend.

Roosevelt's romantic attitude toward war, which was much in fashion a century ago, turned into a Faustian bargain, but one he never renounced.

"To those who fearlessly face death for a good cause," he once said, "no life is so honorable or so fruitful as such a death."

All four of his sons demanded combat assignments in World War I. Ted and Archie were severely wounded. Kermit, unscathed, saw plenty of action with British and American forces.

When the adored youngest, Quentin, was killed in a dogfight over France, Roosevelt was heartbroken: "To feel that one has inspired a boy to conduct that has resulted in his death has a pretty serious side for a father."

But in a letter — not a speech — he also said "brave and fearless men must die when a great cause

calls."

A generation later, during World War II, all three surviving sons were back in uniform.

Archie was wounded again. Ted won the Congressional Medal of Honor so long denied his father when he led his troops ashore at Utah Beach on D-Day. He was the oldest man in combat that day, and the most decorated. He and Quentin II were the only father-son team.

AS the centennial of Theodore Roosevelt's presidency approaches, attention is rightly focusing on one of the most fascinating and multifaceted politicians America has ever known.

TR was a jingo, by Jove, an imperialist who anticipated the glories and burdens of world leadership. But he also was a prolific and gifted writer, the first, most committed environmentalist ever to sit in the White House and a progressive reformer who welcomed a larger federal role in national life.

All of the above has been well covered in recent biographies by former Baltimore Sun reporter Nathan Miller and historian H. W. Brands. Edward Renehan is the first to focus on TR's children, and in doing so supplies some of the follow-up information missing from standard treatises on Roosevelt's life.

Unfortunately, this short book analyzes as much as it enlightens.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth, described as the most complex of TR's children, is mostly offstage as the author focuses on the wartime exploits of the four sons and daughter Ethel, a nurse in France.

The lives of the Roosevelt children after the death of their father in 1919 are given little more attention than a newspaper obituary, and not too detailed an obit at that.

This reader was left wishing Renehan would return to his subjects, draw their personalities more vividly and produce more substantial later editions.

(The Baltimore Sun)

Benefit auction

This Tuesday, November 10, Sotheby's Tel Aviv are to hold a benefit auction of works by 20 of Israel's leading contemporary artists. The entire proceeds are to go directly to ELEM's Elem on Wheels project, which provides aid to homeless youngsters.

Among the lots are works by Tzvi Giv, Miriam Cabessa, Pinhas Cohen-Gan, Lea Nikel, Menashe Kadishman, David Reeb and others.

The world's getting too hot to handle

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Global warming made its presence felt this year, during the first eight months, worldwide temperatures soared to the hottest ever recorded since 1866, when accurate records were first kept. Researchers studying

tree rings, nature's permanent climatic record, say that, on a global scale, this year has been the hottest in 600 years.

Since 1980, there have been 14 years hotter than anything on record.

Scientists say that this unusual warming is caused by an excess of carbon in the atmosphere, most of it from factories, vehicles and large-scale forest burning, and that it may well have affected El Niño, the tropical current that periodically warms the Pacific Ocean.

These climatic changes, they say, have definitely caused the weather extremes that have been so costly in terms of life and property.

In China 2.5 million people died and 56 million were displaced by floods. The cost to China's econo-

my was in the range of \$32 billion, well over half its gross national product. In Bangladesh, two-thirds of the country was underwater this summer, including a large part of the capital city of Dhaka. Twenty million people were left homeless.

Flooding alone has cost some \$72b. worldwide in the first seven months of this year.

At the same time, hot, dry weather prevailed in other places.

In Dallas, Texas and its environs, temperatures remained above 35° Celsius for more than a week and more than 100 people died. In India, at least 3,000 died from a similar period of unusually high temperatures.

Medical research teams, epidemiologists and the staff of

Harvard University Medical School all say that the unusual rainfall in South America and Africa has caused the rapid spread of Rift Valley fever and the hantavirus in Africa, and serious upswings in the number of cases of cholera and malaria in the Buenos Aires area.

Geologists are, on the other hand, concerned about the melting of the Antarctic ice shelves and glaciers. Antarctica has warmed 2.5°C since 1945; from studying ice cores geologists have determined that this region has reached its highest temperature in 4,000 years.

A 200-sq.-kilometer block of ice fell into the sea in March, and in October a block of 7,125 sq. km. fell off the ice shelf — a block

slightly larger than the US state of Delaware.

Scientists warn that continued melting of these and other ice masses may well raise the level of the oceans by some five meters, which would inundate coastal areas all over the world.

One half of Europe's glaciers have melted in less than a century, and there is severe melting reported from the Patagonian Andes and from the US.

Meanwhile, the only thing that appears "frozen" are the negotiations between the world's industrialized nations concerning the cut-backs on "greenhouse" gases that are necessary to stop and, perhaps eventually reverse, this trend.

At the conference table, things are moving at a glacial pace.

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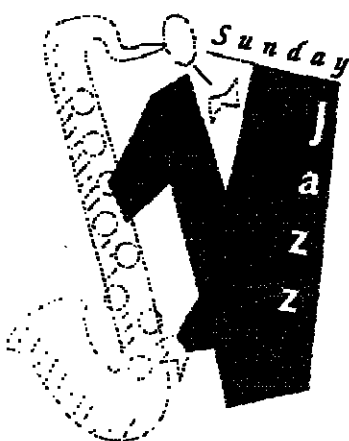
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Heavyweight champ McBride lands a KO



By David Isaacson

Three new releases provide fine examples of jazz in the heavyweight, middleweight and featherweight divisions. Bassist Christian McBride is one of the biggest names on the scene. Having recently recorded with a huge array of artists – from Joshua Redman to Diana Krall – he

A FAMILY AFFAIR
Christian McBride
(Helicon)

SAVE OUR CHILDREN
Pharoah Sanders
(Helicon)

WALK TALL
Eric Marienthal
(Helicon)

"This guy's really got a handle on it, and he's going to be magnificent."

I CONFESS to a long-standing soft spot for tenor saxman Pharoah Sanders. Three decades after making his name as a Coltrane sideman, Sanders is still pounding his sometimes eccentric post-free form/expressionist beat, with frequent musical forays into Africa, and the Middle and Far East, diverted by a weakness for one-world ideology. And he still produces the sweetest phrases in the most unexpected places.

On *Save The Children*, producer Bill Laswell takes good advantage of current recording techniques to reinforce Sanders' strutting, lilting rhythms, and to add a lovely glossy surface to the African



Christian McBride

comes into his own on *A Family Affair*.

The 26-year-old Juilliard alumnus showcases a deep respect for the genres – funk, soul and R&B – and also fearlessly explores uncharted territory. The latter includes his first outings as a lyricist, on which honeyed crooner Will Downing and emerging diva Vesta bring yet more diversity to the party.

A Family Affair is indeed a party. Produced by George Duke, it often sounds like a celebration of the '70s.

The title track breaks open Sly Stone's original, with drummer Gregory Hutchinson, tenor saxophonist Tim Warfield and pianist Charles Craig especially impressive. "Summer Soft" is a neat, nostalgic reminder of Stevie Wonder's *Songs In The Key Of Life* – surely one of the 1970s' key albums.

The last of the 10 cuts, a charming duet featuring McBride's bow and Russell Malone's acoustic guitar, must be the most understated version of an Earth, Wind & Fire song ever recorded.

For all these superb covers, the best tracks are McBride's own. Aficionados will appreciate the way that, on explicit tributes to Wayne Shorter and Ray Brown, he incorporates their sounds into his own. All you need to enjoy the outstanding opening track, "I'm Coming Home," is a sense of rhythm.

Most stunning though is McBride's brilliance as a player. Whether driving a rhythm or strutting a solo, playing stand-up or electric, he constantly reaffirms his status as the leading bassist around.

In the words of Ray Brown:

vocals, Zakir Hussain's tablas, and background electronic weirdness.

Which is not to suggest that *Save The Children* in any way resembles the watered-down pap that accounts for so much "world music." Sanders' compositions are typically idiosyncratic – the atmospheric, 14-minute "Jewels of Love" opens with three minutes of percussion – and the incantatory motifs are both respectful and authentic.

He'll never appeal to those who think that jazz ends with the 1960s, but today's generation of trip-hop adventurers would do well to learn from a master of spiritual travel. *Save The Children* probably ranks as one of the prolific Sanders' best discs.

ALTO saxman Eric Marienthal's salute to alto great Cannonball Adderley, *Walk Tall* gets off to a fine start – it samples Adderley's own verbal introduction to "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy." The ensuing cover of Joe Zawinul's joyously funky tune sets the pace for the rest of the disc – easy-listening, often engaging music that tends to fade into the background.

Working with guitarist and producer Lee Ritenour, Marienthal offers handsome renditions of songs Adderley played, as well as new numbers, with nods in numerous directions.

Nat Adderley's standard "Work Song" refers to hip-hop, but doesn't get too close. The title track (again written by Zawinul) is a bit funky, a bit bluesy and a bit soulful.

As for Jerome Kern's "The Way You Look Tonight," featuring bassist Stanley Clarke, it is, like the rest of *Walk Tall*, perfectly pleasant.

Jagger & Richards: Simply wed

By DEAN GOODMAN

The Rolling Stones are taking a few months off before launching another tour next year, but Mick Jagger and Keith Richards are not letting the downtime stop them from needing each other as they promote a new album.

Vocalist Jagger and guitarist Richards, who co-founded the Rolling Stones in 1962, have known each other since childhood, maybe a record for rock 'n' roll camaraderie.

Much has been written over the years about how the Stones have survived death, drugs busts, evil cops, bad women and internal rifts to craft albums whose bluesy rawness would satisfy their heroes like Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters.

Perhaps safe in the knowledge that this is a marriage that cannot be broken, Jagger and Richards make no attempt to present a united front to outsiders. In separate interviews with Reuters to discuss the band's seventh live album, *No Security*, the so-called Glimmer Twins often contradicted and griped about each other, as loving couples are wont to do.

"We can do things and say things to each other in front of you and you would be shocked and chilled," said Richards, 54.

"Meanwhile we're just putting each other on... I love him dearly and this is why I give him a hard time."

"He doesn't yell at me" is Jagger's curt response.

No Security (Virgin) features 13 tracks from US, Argentine and European shows on their 1997-98 "Bridges to Babylon" tour. Most are relative rarities such as "Memory Motel" and "Sister Morphine," which had never appeared on live releases. (The Japanese pressing has a bonus track, "I Just Want To Make Love To You.")

Richards says Virgin told the band not to use songs from the old live albums, but Jagger says it was his idea.

"They would have been happy if it was a load of more well-known ones," Jagger said.

On some points, they do agree. Most of the tracks from *No Security*

are drawn from a five-night stand at the Amsterdam Arena, last June and July. Jagger and Richards said the shows themselves were not the greatest but the arena offered a controlled atmosphere to get the songs right for the album.

Perhaps Jagger's favorite show of all was the fourth night at Buenos Aires last April 4. It is generally agreed among Stones fans that Argentina is the best place to see a Stones show and two *No Security* songs, "Saint of Me" and "Out of Control," were taken from the group's five shows there.

"I don't know quite what the connection between the Stones and Argentina is but something goes on there that's just amazing," Richards said. "There's a total understanding between us. Maybe it's the gypsy thing." Richards considers himself the guardian of the Rolling Stones.

He takes responsibility for getting the band into shape before it hits the stage. In addition to the other core members – guitarist Ron Wood and drummer Charlie Watts – the Stones employ a number of sidemen for live shows including bass player Darryl Jones, who replaced original member Bill Wyman, keyboardist Chuck Leavell and sax player Bobby Keys.

"I figure that if I can take care of that end of it, then that frees Mick up to just worry and think about what he's going to do... If he starts to interfere with the band and gets hung up about this and that, then that disperses his energy," Richards said.

"Basically we've come down to the deal: leave the band to me, Mick, I'll promise you the best one." The only problem is, Jagger does not agree.

"It sounds good, though," he said with a laugh. When told that problems seem to occur only when he pokes his nose in, Jagger retorted,



"What? Like choosing the songs, you mean?" It gets better. Richards says he and Jagger, the band's songwriters, used a new strategy when making their last studio album in 1997, *Bridges to Babylon*. They worked on tracks independently of each other with their own musician friends.

"I like it very much," Richards said of the album, which Virgin says sold about four million copies worldwide. "The whole idea really being, 'Hey Mick, don't let's try and meet somewhere and compromise in the middle. You go with what you've got together and I'll do

it my way and let's see if finally something comes together.' And it kinda did."

Jagger, on the other hand, has no emotional affinity with the album and says the "agree to disagree" formula is not a good idea.

"It can work in small ways but I think most of the time you've got to agree on what you're going to do rather than agree to differ. I think it's kinda tricky to agree to differ the whole time... But anyway, we don't really have any plans for any studio albums, so." Oh really? Richards is hoping to go into the studio at the end of 1999, a time

frame Jagger cannot even imagine because he hates looking too deeply into the past or future.

For now, Jagger is focusing on planning a "No Security" tour of about 20 North American arenas beginning early next year. Details are expected to be announced by mid-November. The Stones will tour Britain in June for dates held over from this year for tax reasons, and there are rumors that they may play a few dates on the continent as well.

"Just point me in the right direction," Richards said. "As long as the stage is there, it's cool." (Reuters)

Pianist-turned-opera singer debuts in Jerusalem

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

When Anna Skibinski immigrated to Israel five years ago she knew exactly what she wanted to do – become a concert pianist.

"My mother is a very famous pianist, so from a very early age it was clear that I would follow in her footsteps. I studied at the conservatory in my hometown of Orel [a six-hour train ride from Moscow]. I came here and wanted to play Chopin and Bach. I knew this would be my profession."

But a mere coincidence changed Skibinski's life, and today she would-be concert pianist has become one of the most promising

young sopranos in Israel.

"A friend gave me the video of Zeffirelli's *La traviata* and it was one of the most amazing things I have ever seen in my life. I was in total shock and actually cried for the first time in my life. Suddenly I knew that I want to be a singer."

The Zeffirelli film wasn't Skibinski's first operatic encounter. "But I never thought seriously about opera. Being a singer wasn't considered a respectable profession when compared to being a pianist or a violinist."

Skibinski sang as a hobby from an early age. "I sang romances with my mother accompanying me at the piano and then later I learned to play the guitar and accompanied myself."

A short time before Skibinski immigrated to Israel with her family she sang with a famous voice teacher and "actually it was very easy for me. But even then, when I was told that I should leave everything and concentrate on my singing I did not take it too seriously. After all, I did want to be pianist."

But now Skibinski definitely believes that she has found her

voice. She won first prize in Israel's first major vocal competition last year and sang with several local orchestras. She has performed roles like Michal in Nielsen's *Saul and David* and Sophie in Massenet's *Werther*. Her big break came when the Ashdod Chamber Orchestra offered her the lead in Verdi's *La traviata*, the opera that led her to sing in the first place.

"This production enables us to concentrate and focus on the actual characters and I like that very much. And I believe that I managed to find something I like in this woman. Actually it's very hard for me to even talk about Violetta. I get all emotional and excited about her. It's the opera I like best and the role I like best."

The Ashdod Chamber Opera was founded last year and performs mostly in its hometown and the surrounding areas. But tomorrow night their production of *La traviata* will be presented at the Sherover Theater in Jerusalem at 8. Opera buffs in the capital will have the opportunity to see the young pianist move solidly into the magical world of the opera.

Bob & Joni fail to move the masses

By J.D. CONSIDINE

When it was announced that Bob Dylan and Joni Mitchell would be touring together, most rock fans thought, "Wow! What a classic bill!" What they didn't think was: "I better go buy tickets."

Even though these two are among the most recognizable and revered names in rock, the Bob and Joni Show is not shaping up as Tour of the Year. Although the two are playing a few big arenas, like Madison Square Garden in New York and Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, most of the tour stops are at smaller coliseums and college athletic centers. In most cities, good seats are still very much available.

The typical arena-rock concert audience wasn't even born when Dylan was jamming with the Band at Big Pink, or Mitchell was coming down with "A Case of You." But neither were they born when Mick Jagger first brayed, "It's Only Rock 'n' Roll," and that hasn't stopped the Stones from packing stadiums on their last few tours. In fact, the Stones attracted fans of all ages – and in large numbers, too.

No, a more likely reason people aren't rushing to see Dylan and Mitchell is that they know what they're likely to get, and would rather stay home with their CDs.

Dylan, in particular, has developed a reputation for uneven (and, at times, nearly unlistenable) performances. Even though he is still capable of greatness on stage, such moments have become increasingly rare. Far more typical are shows in which he seems indifferent or even hostile to the audience, delivering his best-known songs in a voice that boasts all the warmth and charm of a rusty gate-hinge.

Mitchell's standing has not been colored by Dylan's sort of crustiness. But she's not the box-office phenomenon she was back in '74, when the live album *Miles of Ales* testified to the charm and vitality of her live show.

It isn't that Mitchell's voice has lost its power. Rather, the problem for many listeners is that Mitchell's music has lost its appeal. Her most recent album, *Taming the Tiger*, is unrepentantly uncommercial, following its jazz-inflected muse without regard for current taste or trends.

(The Baltimore Sun)

Corinne Allal becomes elder stateswoman

Sabra Sounds



By Shai Tsur

When Corinne Allal took the stage at Holon's Pillbox Club back in May, her performance was supposed to be a one-time show with some guest artists. Allal ran

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Corinne Allal and Friends
(NMC)

through a set of her best-known material, occasionally inviting a musical colleague to sing one of her songs. Initially, the idea was to tape the show for broadcast on Channel 1. The concert, however, proved to be a rousing success. Tapes of the show were edited into the resulting *Haverim Sharim*

Corinne ("Corinne and Friends") disc.

The fact that the "friends" mentioned in the title came out to give Allal a hand highlights her position as one of the more influential figures on the local rock scene. Among the participants on the disc, one finds the cream of the younger generation of Israeli musicians. These include Eviatar Banai, Assaf Amdurski, Eran Tsur and Dudi Levy. Each artist does his or her own take on the tunes, but Allal's voice comes through even when she isn't singing.

Ah, that voice. There is an old proverb about the subjectivity of beauty which says a monkey looks like a gazelle in his own mother's eyes. To Mother Allal's ears, then, Corinne sounds like a songbird. The rest of the listening public, including her strongest supporters, probably finds Allal's flat, off-kilter warbling a bit of a challenge. Yet, Allal has always made up for her lack of vocal technique with interesting musical hooks, effective lyrical collaborators, and a brimful of attitude.

Corinne and Friends demonstrates the power of Allal's songs. The different artists translate the songs in different ways. Tsur goes for an individualistic rendering on the songs "Pyramids" and



Corinne Allal

"Motek." Not the most tuneful singer himself, he goes for a semi-spoken approach. His gruff singing borders on aggressive, especially on "Motek," which is an aggressive track anyway.

On the more reverent end of the scale one finds Eviatar Banai, who has become something of an Allal protegee. He duets with her on "When It's Deep," a song she originally performed with the late Itzhak Perlmuter.

Here, Banai's somewhat creepy high-pitched singing collides interestingly with Allal's (which seems to be on a different musical scale). The effect takes a little getting used to, but in the end it works.

Allal's vocal style influences the singers who cover her tracks. This can be seen clearly with Yehudit Ravitz's rendition of "Rare Breed," Ravitz, who normally stresses her vocal phrasings, lets her hair down and hits the off notes here and there.

On the other hand, Orna Banai, Eviatar's older sister, shows up to sing "Stronger than the Wind." Orna Banai is not normally known as a singer, but she does okay. Yet one can hear her trying very hard to get it right, while Allal seems to take a much more laid-back approach.

Only Perl, another one better known for her acting skills (in the movie *Afula Express* among other things), does a bit better with "Ties to the Moon." Allal herself only appears on a third of the album. Mostly, she duets with her guests, only stepping onto center stage for an upbeat rendition of "Fun Song."

The fact that this concert served as one of the highlights of Channel 1's holiday broadcasting season might seem to signal that Allal has turned into one of the old-timers of Israeli music. If so, then *Corinne and Friends* shows she has become an elder stateswoman and a relevant source of inspiration today.

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Turning challenges into sweet success

Judy Siegel-Itzkovich visits Jerusalem's Elwyn Center, where disabled adults work for pay, proud to contribute to society

When you're buying bags of sweets for a child's birthday party, do you ever give any thought to who packaged them? It probably wasn't a machine.

Every year, 2.5 million such party favors are assembled and packed in plastic bags by disabled adults, working proudly and earning a salary at the Elwyn Work Activities Center in Jerusalem.

The Esther and Salomon Sabbah Rehabilitation Center, on the road to the Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Karem just before the turnoff to Moshav Ora, opened a year ago.

The beautiful new \$6 million facility, designed by renowned architect Moshe Safdie, is probably not known to many Jerusalemites, as it's off the main road and somewhat out of sight, and most people have no reason to go there.

Maurice ("Chico") Sabbah, a North Carolina insurance man, and his Israeli-born wife, Zmira, donated \$3.3 million to construct and equip the large and impressive building, and the Shalem Foundation gave another \$1 million. Additional help is being obtained by the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, the National Insurance Institute, the municipality and other sources.

Until the Sabbah Center was dedicated, the compound contained only the Swedish Village, now known as the Zvi Quttman Residential Center, which is home to 245 disabled children and adults. Elwyn has been running it since 1988. Now, with the rehabilitation center, its residents and others living in Elwyn group homes have a supportive atmosphere in which to work.

Elwyn is an American organization (www.elwyn.org on the Internet), founded way back in 1854 - when Abe Lincoln was still a little-known lawyer in Illinois.

Its headquarters are located in Elwyn, Pennsylvania, with additional facilities in Philadelphia, California, Delaware and New Jersey.

The organization's motto is "Helping people to turn challenge into success."

ISRAEL is still the only country outside the US to have an Elwyn branch, says David Marcu, the US-born executive director of Elwyn-Israel.

Marcu came here from Philadelphia after earning his BA in Jewish studies at Brandeis University, his MA in Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary and another MA in business administration at Temple University.

"Elwyn was the first attempt by US professionals to serve people with special needs in the framework of a non-profit and non-church organization," Marcu notes.

Earlier attempts "dealt mainly with people suffering from mental retardation. Only much later, in the 1960s, did the care of such people greatly improve in the US."

"Elwyn-Israel opened in 1984, with two sheltered workshops - one that had been run by the government and the other belonging to AKIM. There were 80 workers, and their jobs were extremely simple. Now, the work they do is much more advanced."

Also in Jerusalem is the Elwyn El Kuds Center in the eastern part of the city, serving the Arab population with programs like those at the Sabbah center, plus a special-



Doing a good job: An Elwyn worker fills party favor bags (left); using a machine to enclose direct-mail publications in plastic (right).



education school.

The Haifa branch, under Elwyn management since last year, serves both the Arab and Jewish population of that mixed city, and includes a work activities center, a development center and pre-school program. There are also two community-based group homes in Herzliya.

ADULTS helped by Elwyn suffer from a variety of disorders: developmental disabilities, fragile-X syndrome (a genetic disorder that causes retardation), Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, blindness, autism, learning disabilities, or a combination of more than one of these.

The Dvora Agmon Pre-School Program, known to Jerusalemites as the Gan Shikumi (founded by the late pediatric neurologist Prof. Naomi Amir), serves dozens of children from 18 months to six years. They have normal intellectual functioning but suffer from

various types of brain dysfunctioning owing to cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and delayed speech and language acquisition, as well as deficits in coordination and visual/motor abilities.

The aim, after intensive preparation at the Agmon Program, is to mainstream as many of these children as possible in regular schools.

Elwyn recently renovated an abandoned chicken-coop prefab in nearby Moshav Ora, where rents are much lower than in Jerusalem, to house a direct-mail processing plant that employs 20 disabled adults. A room nearby is now being refurbished to expand the operation, which is much in demand.

Disabled adults, including a blind woman, work from morning through the afternoon folding printed material and putting it into envelopes, affixing address labels and encasing them with plastic,

either by hand or using machines. Three million pieces of direct mail go through the facility each year.

DURING a visit, accompanied by Marcu, I saw various publications of *The Jerusalem Post*, *The Jerusalem Report*, the Israel Museum, the Jerusalem Theater and a number of political parties being processed - with pride - by the workers.

Elwyn serves as a contractor, paying their wages and signing contracts with companies and organizations who need this monotonous work done. Although clients could buy automated machinery at high cost and do the work themselves, they find it easier and less expensive to use the services of Elwyn.

Clients also have the satisfaction of knowing they're doing a good deed - but, Marcu notes, if they weren't satisfied with the efficiency, quality work and meeting of

deadlines by the disabled, they would take their business elsewhere.

Disabled people are grateful to have a job, and they work patiently and devotedly; they don't often take sick leave or vacations.

The Sabbah center also runs a pre-vocational program for adults with severe and profound developmental disabilities, focusing on independent living and work skills.

"Those who can work must learn how to wake up on time, dress suitably, get to their workplace in time and follow instructions. They have to observe safety rules and be able to concentrate on their work," says Marcu. "We are always looking for more clients who want such work done for them."

Elwyn also offers supportive services such as physical and occupational therapy, speech pathology and other therapies.

"We believe that if all citizens are given the chance to be active

participants through inclusive interaction, everyone in society benefits," says Marcu.

"Our ultimate goal is to provide individuals with the tools needed to lead more independent lives within the community."

"Hundreds of adults now work in jobs in the community; hundreds of children have been able to leave the special-education system and go to regular schools; and dozens of teenagers and adults with disabilities have moved from a residential campus to more independent living in the community."

ELWYN sends numerous young people to work in Jerusalem: They work as maintenance staffers in the Knesset, restaurants and hotels, dust the shelves in the justices' library in the Supreme Court, process *Jerusalem Post* publications at its printing press, and clean private homes as well.

Aside from the birthday-party favors' operation, the building also has a room where workers roll up posters for Beth Hatefutsoth and encase them in plastic.

"At the end of the day they report exactly how many pieces they've done and get wages on the basis of their production," Marcu says. "We can see their progress by looking at figures on each individual's output."

The saddest sight during a tour of the Sabbah center was a young man with a degenerative genetic disorder sitting completely helpless in a wheelchair, his legs supported by pillows. A Christian Danish woman, Mia, who came to Israel to volunteer, was spoon-feeding applesauce into his mouth. Although he couldn't communicate, she seemed to offer the exact help he needed.

At the other end of a room was an autistic woman, midged-sized and of indeterminate age, making inhuman noises and occupying herself by pulling clothing over her head.

Disabled people like these will never contribute to society, but Elwyn's heart is big enough to treat them as if they do.

Air bags: Making a safety device less 'deadly'

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR

WASHINGTON - Air bags, increasingly a required safety feature in late-model vehicles, were supposed to save many lives. They have - but they have also led to some people, especially children, losing their lives through crushing and suffocation.

The US Transportation Department has proposed giving auto manufacturers four years to design and install "smart" air bags that would prevent scores of deaths a year while costing only \$22 to \$162 more per car than today's models and save on costly repairs.

"Today's advanced air bag proposal significantly raises the bar on safety," said transportation secretary Rodney Slater.

The new air bags would have to continue to protect adults in serious crashes. But if weight sensors detected a child in the front seat, the bags might inflate more slowly or - in minor crashes - not at all.

To test the devices, automakers would employ an entire "family" of crash dummies: a one-year-old in a car seat, three- and six-year-old children, a 50-kg woman and a 75-kg man.

Currently, only the male dummy is used.

THE new requirements are likely to spur an engineering competition among manufacturers. Some experts believe that in the future, air bag design could become a comparison item for knowledgeable car, minivan and light truck buyers.

"Not all air bags are created equal," said Clarence Ditlow of the Center for Auto Safety.

The proposals will be open to public comment for 90 days and may be modified before they take effect.

Lobbyists for the automakers complain that the tests will be the most complicated ever required by the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Automakers immediately objected that the rule would keep a safety test they had hoped to eliminate - a 20-kph crash into an immovable barrier. It is this test, they claimed, that requires them to keep building dangerously powerful air bags.

But the NHTSA called the criticism "specious," and added that it was not backed up by the agency's testing.

Since their introduction in the early 1990s, air bags have saved an estimated 3,400 American lives and killed 113, including 66 children.



Currently only a male dummy is used in crash simulations - new standards would mandate an entire 'family.'

If all American cars had air bags - and fewer than half do - the government estimates that 3,215 of 42,000 people killed each year on the country's roads would be saved. With "smart" air bags, the estimate of lives saved would grow by 7 percent, to 3,454.

In addition, a cost-benefit analysis by NHTSA also showed that for consumers, the price of better air bags would be largely offset by savings in repair costs because air bags would deploy less frequently.

The agency estimated a savings of up to \$158 over the lifetime of the average car. Driver and passenger air bags now cost about \$400 to \$500 per car in the US.

BUT for some people, the changes will come too late.

What should have been a forgettable, low-speed fender-bender was instead a horrible tragedy for Robert Sanders, who carried his dying daughter from the minivan he had been driving after an air bag slammed her unconscious.

It was partially due to Sanders' dogged, painful crusade to prevent such tragedies from happening to others that the transportation department announced its plans to make air bags safer.

Sanders, a quietly intense man of 48 who was once a business lawyer, keeps the photos of his late daughter, Alison, and other air bag victims on the wall of his children.

office. Alison was seven when her father, tuning the radio, failed to stop in time for a red light and slid into another van at less than 8 kph. It had been Alison's turn to sit in the front seat; her two brothers, in back, were unhurt.

Sanders, who organized Parents for Safer Air Bags after recovering from the shock of his daughter's death, is living proof that no matter how remote the federal government seems, ordinary individuals can propel it into action. Not that it's easy.

Sanders had to leave a law practice in Baltimore and spend down his savings. He endures having to tell strangers about how his daughter died in an accident for which he was responsible.

"I have been compelled and driven by forces larger than me," Sanders says. "I don't feel like I am working alone. I feel the presence of my daughter and the other children. I am merely an agent. I am being pushed on the crest of a wave."

Although he played the Washington power game and won, Sanders found himself disillusioned about a process that allowed a deadly "safety" device to come to market in the first place.

"I no longer have confidence that the government will automatically safeguard the public," he says.

(The Los Angeles Times)

The crucial link between fat and diabetes

By REBECCA LEVINE

DURHAM, North Carolina - A very low-fat diet has been shown to reverse adult-onset (type-2) diabetes in mice, and Duke University Medical School researchers believe the same potential exists in humans.

While doctors have long known that weight loss can control diabetes, the new research is the first scientific study to show that type-2 diabetes can be completely reversed in animals by lowering dietary fat, said Dr. Richard Surwit, professor and vice-chairman of Duke's department of psychiatry.

Moreover, the findings suggest that reducing fat, not just weight, is a primary mechanism behind the reversal, Surwit said.

Results of his study, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, are published in a recent issue of *Metabolism*.

Non-insulin-dependent diabetes (mellitus), in which abnormally high blood sugar levels cause severe tissue damage, is the leading cause of blindness in Western countries and also causes kidney failure, blood vessel decay and irreparable nerve damage.

The research findings suggest that, while genetics determine which animals are at risk for developing diabetes, dietary changes can compensate for the genetic predisposition, Surwit said. If the same were proven true in humans, the potential for preventing the disease could be huge, he added.

"Certainly, there is evidence from the more radical diet programs like Pritikin or the Duke Rice Diet showing that reducing fat intake can control diabetes, but the evidence has all been anecdotal; it hasn't illuminated the specific mechanism behind the improvement," he said.

"Our animal research shows that, if you dramatically reduce the dietary fat, you can reverse the problem."

IN the study of a genetic strain of diabetes-prone mice, researchers found that cutting fat from 40 percent to 10% of their total caloric intake caused complete reversal of

their diabetes, regardless of what stage in life the mice began the low-fat diet. And while the mice lost weight, the researchers found that weight loss alone could not account for the reversal, Surwit said. That's because their insulin and glucose levels began to decrease before their weight did, suggesting that fat reduction acts on insulin and glucose levels independent of weight loss.

"We have known that animals can develop diabetes before they develop obesity, so it stood to reason that animals could begin to reverse their diabetes before they lost weight," said Dr. Mark Feinglos, professor of endocrinology at Duke. "Weight loss and nutrition certainly are connected, but they're not inseparable."

Feinglos emphasized that foods high in fat, not in sugar, are responsible for the onset of diabetes in the mice. In fact, sugar had no effect on the diabetes-prone mice - it neither increased nor decreased their symptoms, a finding that's been shown in people as well.

The only thing sugar has ever been shown to do is cause dental cavities. It's the fat that appears to be most detrimental," Feinglos said.

Fats are metabolized quite differently from carbohydrates or pure sugars, he said. A small candy bar and a bagel may contain the same number of calories, but they are not necessarily metabolized and stored in the same way.

"All calories are not equal," Feinglos said. "Carbohydrates require burning of energy to convert to fat, whereas fat is directly converted to fat."

The distinction between carbohydrates and fat is an important one, because it distinguishes the unique role of fat in contributing to an inherited trait, researchers said.

Without the fat, the diabetes does not occur - even in diabetes-prone mice. When the high-fat diet is stopped in mice that have been raised on it, the diabetes disappears.

Surwit said that the animal research provides a basis for further study of the role of a high-fat diet in adult Americans, 50 percent of whom are overweight and are thus



Americans take in 30 percent of their calories through fat - and more and more Israelis are copying their eating habits. (Israel Sun)

at risk for developing the disease.

EVEN in the absence of weight loss in the mice, a low-fat diet was shown to improve insulin and blood sugar control, regardless of how long the mice had been eating a high-fat diet. This suggests that the disease process can be manipulated at various points of progression.

In humans, the disease is less malleable, and irreparable damage often occurs before it can be reversed, Feinglos said.

But, he added, if the disease is identified early and the appropriate dietary changes made, it may be modified or even reversed.

"Our findings do point out that, at least in theory, it is doable," Feinglos said. "Our next step is to find pharmaceutical compounds to give animals a greater ability to eat normally, as would the mice without the genetic predisposition."

While reducing fat intake would

be the safest and healthiest approach to controlling diabetes, experience has shown such reduction to be difficult to enforce and even harder to maintain, Feinglos said.

Diabetics would theoretically have to reduce their fat intake to 10 percent of their total caloric intake, an extraordinarily low percentage, given that most Americans consume 30 percent of their calories through fat.

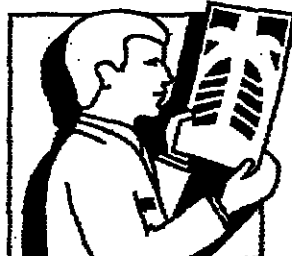
Even a more modest decrease in fat intake could have beneficial effects, the researchers believe. Cutting fat to 20 percent might not reverse the disease, but it could theoretically reduce symptoms and the risk of serious tissue damage.

"It's not clear what the absolute limit of fat intake would be for people to derive some benefit," Surwit said. "We hope our ongoing studies will clarify that."

(Duke University News Service)

A wiser public suffers fewer deaths from heart disease

Health Scan



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Deaths from heart disease have decreased significantly - especially in Israelis aged

65 to 74. Among octogenarians over 85, the drop in mortality from cardiovascular diseases from 1995 to 1996 was 65% in women and 50% in men, the Central Bureau of Statistics recently reported.

At the same time, mortality rates from cancers have remained steady. The trend of lower death rates from heart disease began in the '70s, but the 5% drop here from 1995 to 1996 was especially large, the CBS said.

The main reasons are less smoking, improved treatment techniques and drugs and greater public awareness - especially thanks to

the media - of the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

FALL ALLERGIES

The spring is always a big season for allergies - and visits to allergy experts. But Kupat Holim Clalit recently reported that now, in the transition from summer to winter, it has received an unexpectedly large wave of patients - especially children - with respiratory attacks from allergies.

Dr. Arye Bahir, head of the health fund's children's health center and himself an allergy specialist, said that spastic bronchitis appears in

20% of all children at one time or another. The symptoms are shortness of breath, rapid breathing, whistling when breathing, with a cough that worsens at night. It usually passes as children get older.

Another allergic condition characteristic of this season is allergic post-nasal drip, with clear mucus often accompanied by sneezing and tearing. Flowers and trees can cause allergic symptoms in the fall in various parts of the country.

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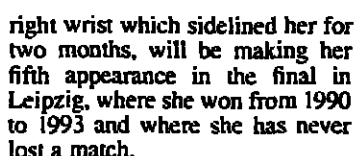
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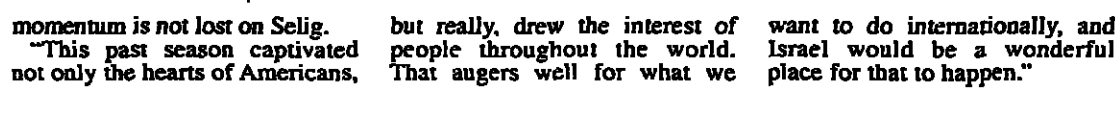
From that point on, the hosts stepped off the accelerator to let the pace of the match cool down.

Hapoel's defeat was assured when defender Salim Tohama was sent off for a second booking.

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Martin Gelinas, Timordi acciden-

he's a big sports fan, baseball has



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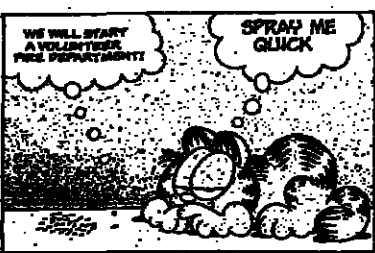
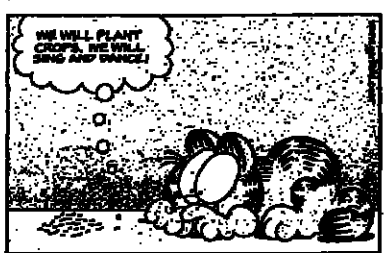
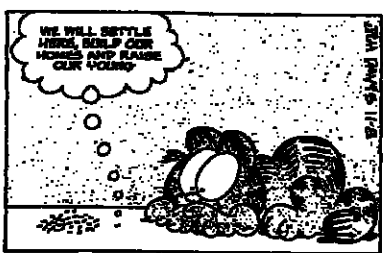
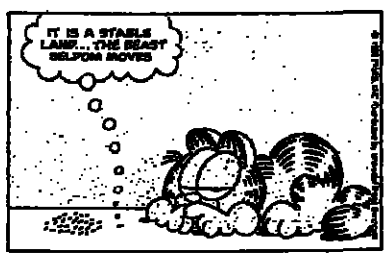
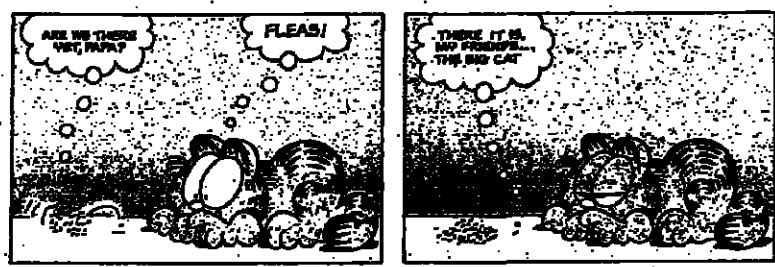
The 49-year-old Henry, a multimillionaire commodities trader from Boca Raton, Florida bought the troubled professional baseball franchise for \$150m

able to start listening to offers from other teams on Friday. There's no reason for the Yankees to act quickly. Williams' agent, Scott Boras, does not expect to make a deal for several weeks.

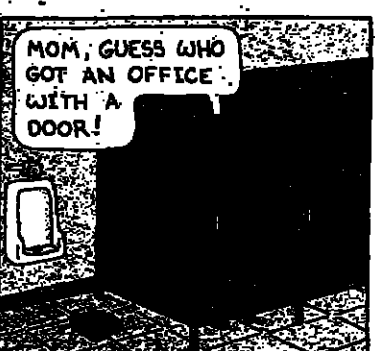
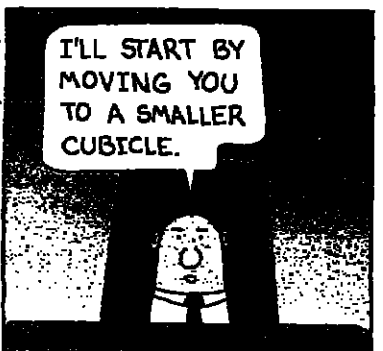
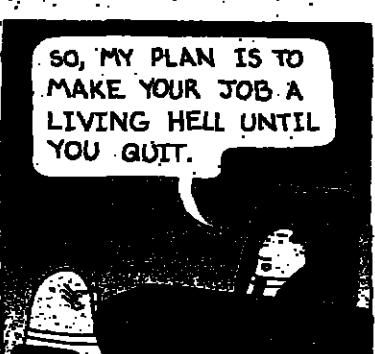
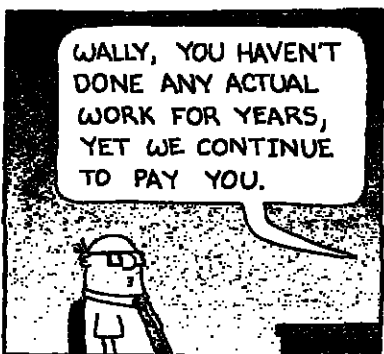
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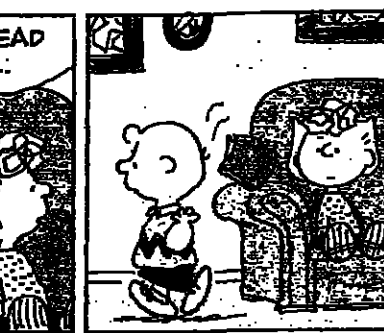
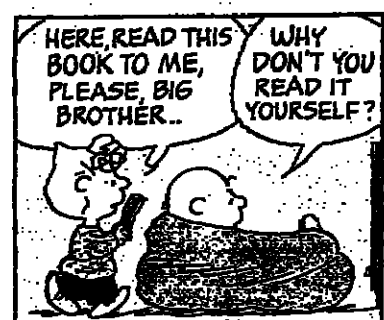
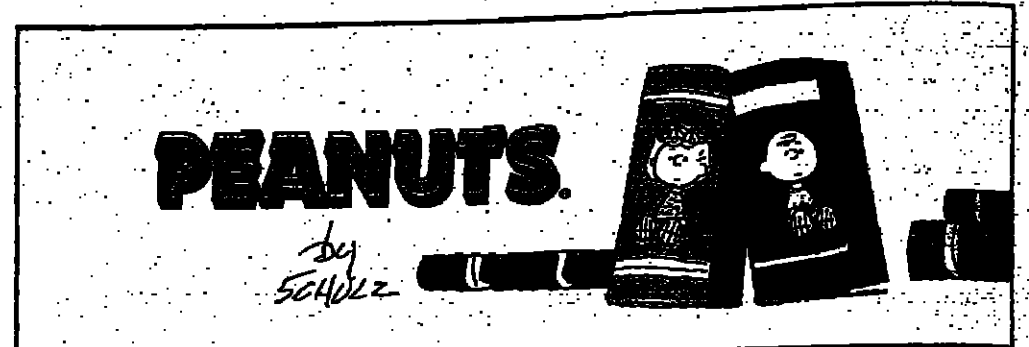
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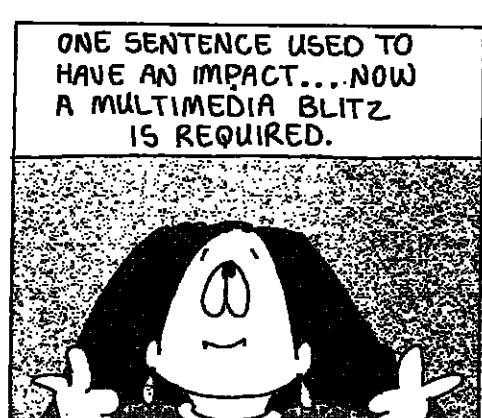
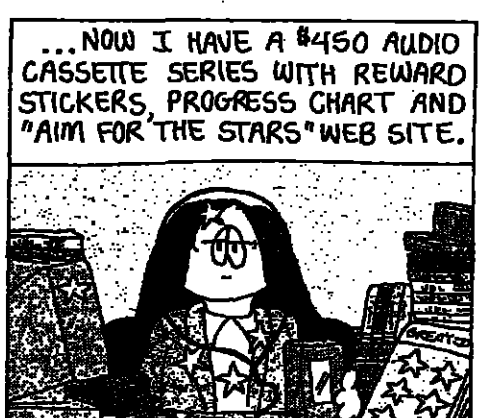
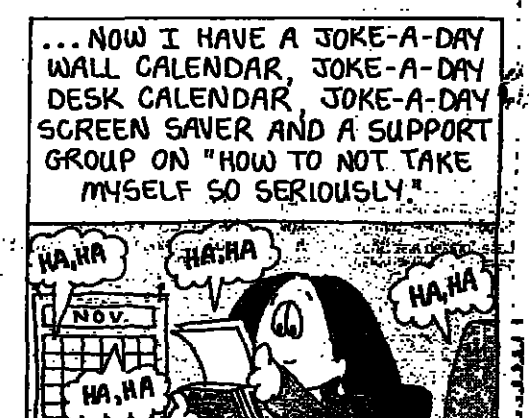
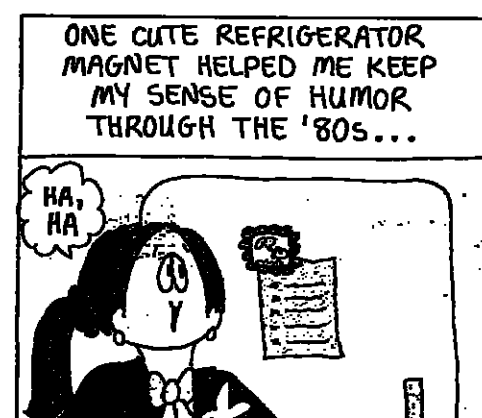
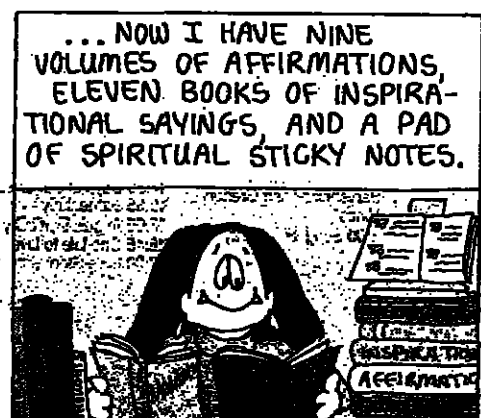
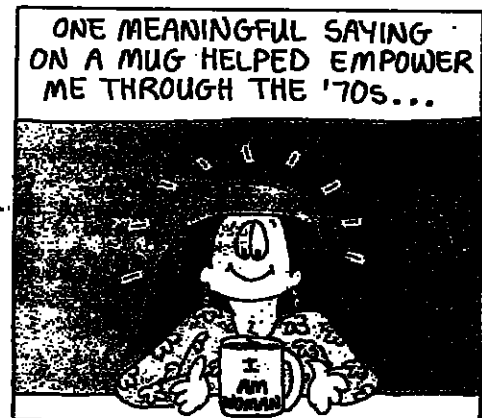
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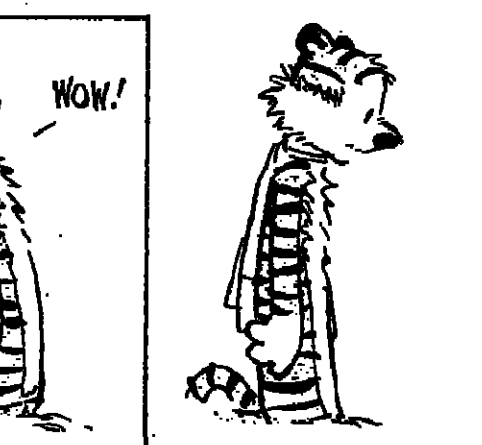
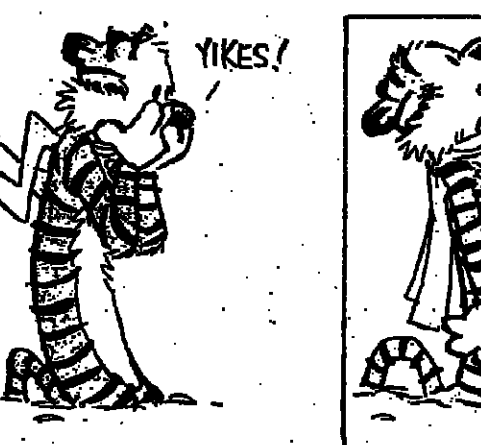


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Behr wins Haifa satellite

By HEATHER CHAIT

Noam Behr lived up to his top seeding by winning the Friedman men's satellite circuit in Haifa yesterday.

Behr easily beat Michael Kogan, over 400 places below him in the ATP Tour rankings at 678, 6-2, 6-0.

In Friday's semifinals, Behr again had an easy match but against a tougher player.

He beat third seed Amir Hadad, the Davis Cup singles player against France in September, ceding just three games. The score was 6-2, 6-1.

Kogan's semifinal victory came at the expense of sixth seed Yoni Erlich who lost 6-3, 6-4.

Compensation for Hadad and Erlich's defeats in the singles semi-finals came with their winning the doubles title on Friday. They beat Kogan and Andy Ram 7-5, 6-2.

GERMAN SOCCER - Yesterday's first division results: VfL Wolfsburg 1, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1; VfL Bochum 2, Hertha Berlin 0; Hamburg SV 2, Schalke 0; FC St. Pauli 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Hansa Rostock 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 3; TSV 1860 Munich 1. Played on Friday HSV Duisburg, Nürnberg 1; Werder Bremen 1, Borussia Dortmund 1. Playing today: Bayer Leverkusen 1, VfL Stuttgart.

National Basketball League schedule
TODAY: Maccabi Haifa vs. Hapoel Eilat; Hapoel Tel Aviv vs. Bnei Herzliya; Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Galil Ezyon; Hapoel Haifa vs. Maccabi Haifa; Maccabi Haifa vs. Maccabi Tel Aviv; Hapoel Jerusalem vs. Hapoel Haifa.

Debut double wins for Villa

LONDON (Reuters) - Aston Villa squandered a three-goal lead but held on to beat Tottenham Hotspur 3-2 and remain unbeaten at the top of the Premier League yesterday.

Villa's hero was their new £5.75 million striker Dion Dublin who scored twice on his debut just two days after joining from Coventry and he was denied a hat-trick when a 77th-minute strike was ruled offside by a linesman.

But Dublin took advantage of two errors in the heart of the Spurs defense to score after 31 and 35 minutes before Stan Collymore put Villa 3-0 ahead in the 48th minute.

Tottenham, who had looked Villa's equals for the first half-hour, came back strongly in the

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later stages with Darren Anderton (65 penalty) and Swiss substitute Ramon Vega (76) leading their revival.

But the London side could not get the equalizer, leaving Spurs manager George Graham rueing what he called "typical Spurs give-aways" for the defeat.

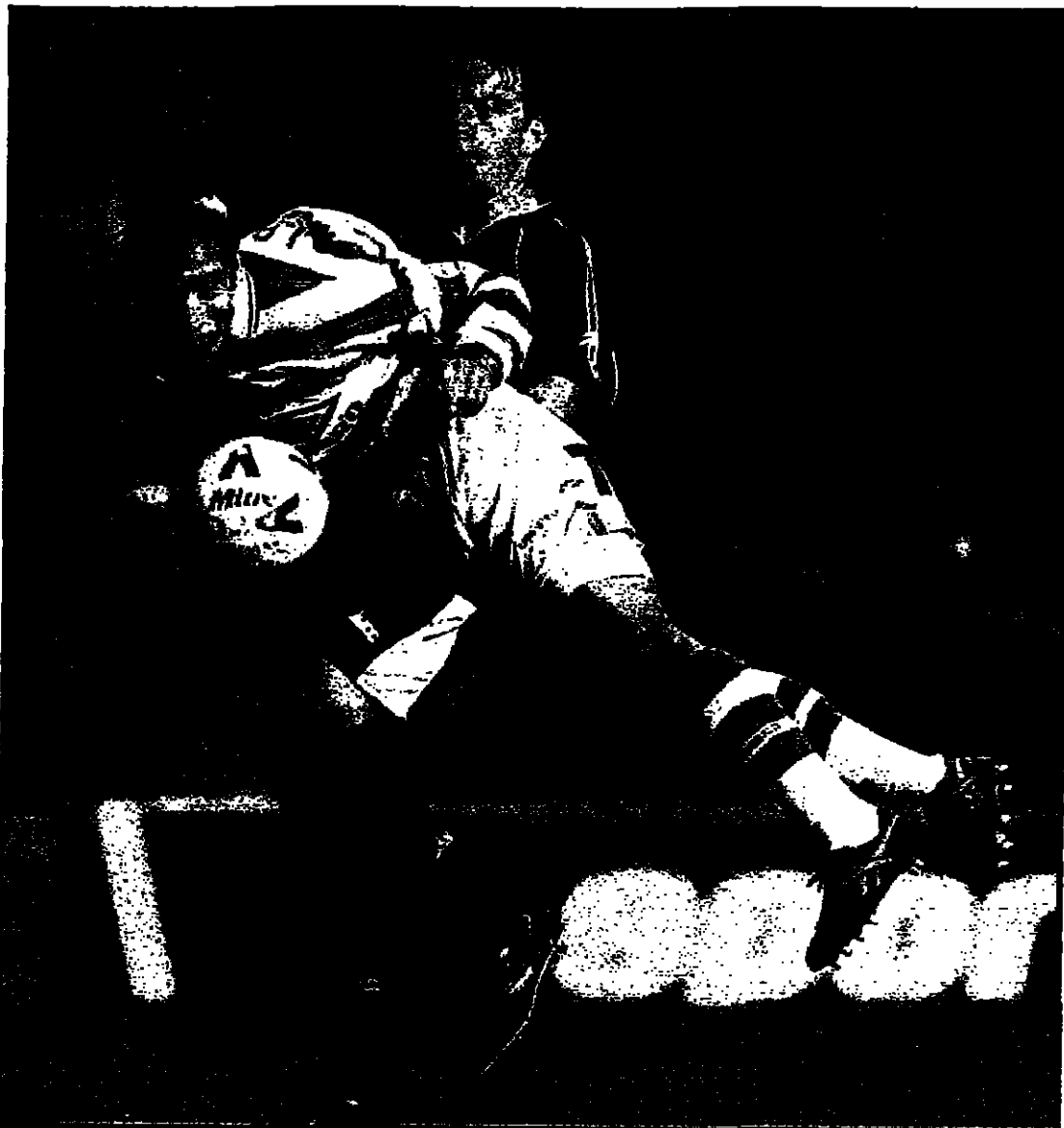
Villa's win came after successive defeats in the English League Cup to Chelsea and the UEFA Cup to Celta Vigo and moved them on to 25 points from 11 matches.

Defender Gareth Southgate said afterwards: "A few people have been saying that our bubble had burst but we are still unbeaten after 11 league matches and we can sit down tomorrow and enjoy watching everyone else play."

Among those playing today are Manchester United, who face Newcastle at Old Trafford (Live on Channel 24 at 16:45), and third-placed champions Arsenal, who are at home to Everton.

Villa's lead of four points over United and five over Arsenal will be reduced to one and two respectively if United and Arsenal win.

Liverpool, who successfully came through a tough UEFA Cup tie against Valencia in midweek, lost at home for the first time since February when they went down 2-1 at Anfield to Derby County.



HAT-TRICK - Celtic striker Henrik Larsson heads home his third goal as Dundee defender Iain Anderson looks on. Celtic won 6-1.

The Midlands club, who had not won at Anfield since 1970 and had lost there on their last 10 visits, went 2-0 ahead through Kevin Harper, who scored a sixth-minute header on his full debut, and Costa Rican Pancho Wanchope, who scored with a free header after 27 minutes.

Liverpool pulled one back through Jamie Redknapp six minutes from time but one win in their last eight league matches is not championship form.

There was a remarkable game at The Dell where bottom-placed Southampton were seconds away

from only their second win of the season before conceding a last-minute equalizer for a 3-3 draw against Middlesbrough.

But Middlesbrough finished the match with only nine men after the second-half dismissals of Robbie Mustoe and Phil Stamp.

All the goals came in the second half with Paul Gascoigne putting 'Boro ahead after 47 minutes direct from a free-kick.

Ken Monkou equalized for the Saints after 61 minutes and then in an eventual five-minute spell Mustoe was sent off and Claus Lundekvam put through his own goal to put Boro 2-1 up.

Southampton then rallied with

two goals in three minutes from substitute James Beattie (82) and Norwegian Egil Olsen (85) and seemed set when Stamp was sent off three minutes from time.

But then, with virtually last kick of the game, Italian Gianluca Festa saved a point for the visitors.

Dutchman Pierre van Hooijdonk ended his three-month long self-imposed exile when he returned for Nottingham Forest against Wimbledon.

In yesterday's other games, Coventry won 2-1 at Blackburn to move from 19th to 17th while Blackburn slipped to 18th, and mid-table Charlton and Leicester drew 0-0 at The Valley.

Row over Lara dismissal rages

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP, Reuters) - West Indian and South African cricket officials headed to London on Thursday in an attempt to mediate a pay dispute with dissident West Indies players and solve the worst crisis in Caribbean cricket in 20 years.

The dispute is threatening to wipe out the West Indies' three-month South African tour, which is scheduled to begin with a one-day international on Tuesday.

The West Indies Cricket Board's decision on Wednesday to dismiss Brian Lara and Carl Hooper, the captain and vice captain, sparked public outcries for the board to either resign or be fired.

Besides outraged fans calling radio talk shows, the *Guardian* newspaper of Trinidad, where Lara is from, called for Caribbean Community chairman, Prime Minister Kenneth Anthony of St. Lucia, to "intervene and mediate in this sordid affair."

To show the urgency of the situation, South African cricket chief Ali Bacher delivered a letter from President Nelson Mandela to the rebel West Indies' cricketers urging them to go ahead with their inaugural tour of the republic.

He said Mandela had asked the players to go ahead with the visit.

Only seven of the 16 players selected for the team have flown to South Africa, and on Thursday they said they wanted to leave.

Many predicted the tour would be abandoned. "I think there is every likelihood that the players will stand behind Lara and Hooper, which would lead to a total strike of all top players," said Peter Short of Barbados, the WICB's immediate past chairman.

Ashes preparation South Australia were 26 for no wicket in reply to England's first innings 187 all out at the close of the first day of their four-day match at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

'We're miles apart'



NEW YORK (AP) - NBA players and owners apparently agree on one issue: They are far apart.

Claiming owners were making a "ludicrous" attempt to influence individual players, union director Billy Hunter said Friday after a 1½-hour bargaining session that he didn't see the sides getting back together for at least a week.

Hunter and union president Patrick Ewing, who also attended the negotiating meeting, are angry commissioner David Stern has general managers and coaches starting to lobby players to accept management's proposal.

"We're miles apart," Hunter said. Stern and deputy commissioner Russ Granik agreed that nothing was accomplished.

"We agreed that we are very far apart with no solution in sight," said Granik.

On the 129th day of the lockout, Hunter said Stern had directed GMs and coaches to drive a rift into the union.

"Bad-faith bargaining. No question about it," Hunter said. "Maybe it's just an act of desperation."

With the start of the season pushed back to mid-December at the earliest, the sides essentially have given up bargaining for now, making it unlikely games will be played until 1999. Earlier this week, Stern charged the union leadership cow-towed to high-profile agents such as David Falk, who represents Michael Jordan and Ewing.

"Their idea is clearly to sweat out players," Hunter said. "He wants to test my resolve and the players' resolve."

Hunter claimed efforts were under way in Boston, Cleveland, Miami and Milwaukee to get players to support the NBA's latest plan.

"Until we see some movement from them, there's not going to be any movement from us," Hunter said. "I don't think they'll be inclined to negotiate until they're done taking their poll."

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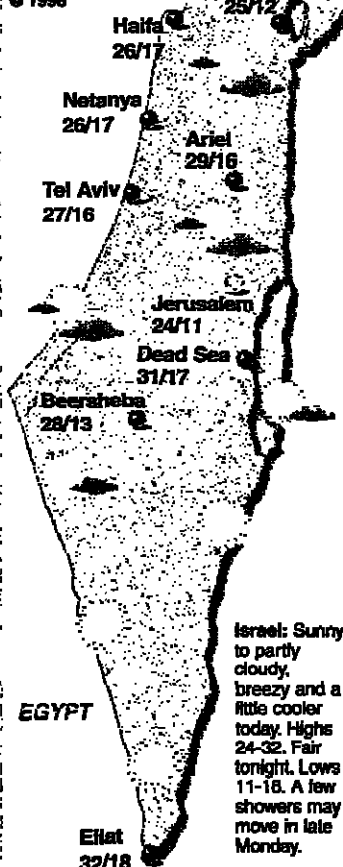
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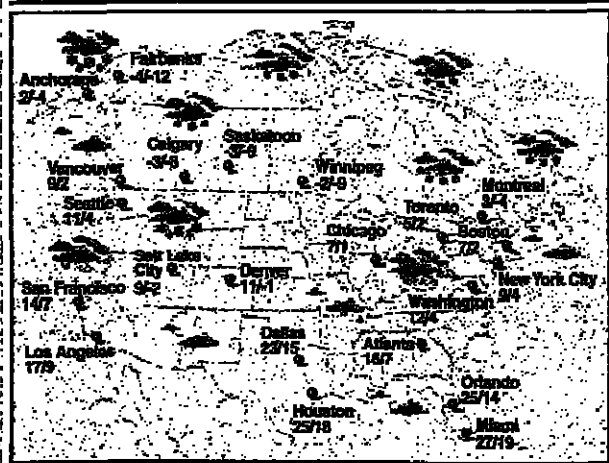
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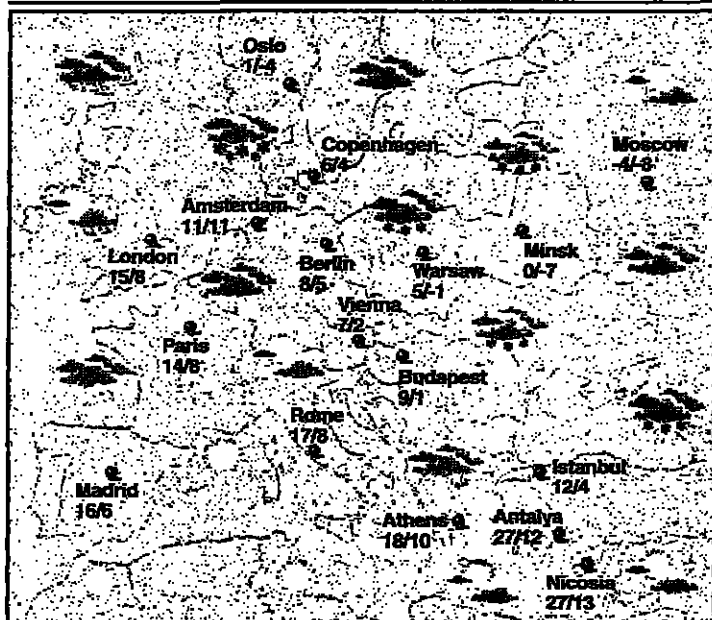
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